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BULLETIN NO: 28.

Thursday 28th January, 2021.

FEBRUARY IS PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION 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 4 th Feb.	Thursday 11 th Feb.	Thursday 18 th Feb.
PROGRAMME:	Dr Nitin Verma (East Timor Eye Project) Via Zoom	Julie Mecham Domestic Violence Issues	Tumbarumba Fires 12 months on - Scott and Maria Anderson
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker Peter Murray	Karel Bijker Marion Moran	Karel Bijker David Kennedy
GREETER:	Not Required (COVID)	Not Required (COVID)	Not Required (COVID)
SHORT & SWEET:	Vicky Donoghue	Bryan Short	David Wynne
FINES-MASTER:	Philip Cross	Ellen Brasier	Gordon Saggars
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Alok Sharma	Gordon Saggars	David Cannon
VOTE OF THANKS:	Bruce Heydon	Tony Hutchinson	John Heazlewood
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Peter Veerhuis	John Heazlewood	Don Pembleton
C'TTEE MEETINGS:	N/R	Book Fair Cttee. 8pm	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).

(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 4th February, **Dr Nitin Verma** will 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.

Meeting Report 28th January –

Attendance

President David welcomed 37 Members to this week’s meeting, plus Honorary member Bill Prest, as well as Shishir Bhengra who was the guest of Elaine Almond. There were 6 apologies.

Reports

David advised that a Board meeting would follow our normal meeting. There were no Director reports.



Short & Sweet.

PDG Gary Roberts provided our Short and Sweet session this week. He spoke about an inspiring gentleman, Dr Luc Masururu from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Gary met Dr Luc 6-7 years ago, which led to a Rotary Foundation fund raising dinner held at the Country Club a couple of years later, just after Gary’s time as District Governor. The fund raising was to support a \$50,000 Rotary Global Grant application, which was subsequently successful, to set up sustainable businesses in DRC of fish breeding and pig production, to be run by local ladies. DRC has a lot of single mother families due to the death of their husbands in ongoing wars that had continued in the area for decades. These businesses are now well established and operating successfully.



This is not the only activity Dr Luc is involved in. He also runs a training hospital catering for midwifery and other health areas. The hospital also trains teachers. A further connection was that at Dr Luc’s request, our Rotary District sent DRC four of Howard Mendel’s water purifying units which were installed at appropriate locations. A very impressive man and also showing the great work Rotary International continues to support. Thanks Gary.

Finesmaster

Fines Master was Terry Mecham. He drew regular wine raffle winner Bruce Heydon’s name out of the barrel – who is not a wine drinker, and has been promised a beer 6 pack several times over the last couple of years, much to no avail. Surely you must be due for a slab by now Bruce? Anyway Terry still fined him.

Terry then got stuck into the Indians and their near neighbours over stealing our test cricket series Also the Scotch, Irish and Welsh connected members for not knowing that everyone sings in whales/Wales. He then got stuck into the golfers and The Lone Ranger followers (for leaving his Injun running). Good one – Thanks Terry.



Peter Olson – My Story

Our Guest Speaker was introduced by Graham Russell, and it was his old mate, our own Past President and born again Rotarian, Peter Olson, who called his presentation – “Where were you for 18 years?”

So Pete led off with a bit of history on his original involvement in Rotary through Rotaract in 1972 at St Marys (Sydney), Rotary Youth Leadership Award camp at Arcadia (Hills District Sydney), a move to the cereals laboratory at Wagga Agricultural Research Institute in 1983, parent/coach/President Tolland Soccer Club around 1987, and in 1989 meeting Graham Russell at a father and son Scout meeting. Graham wasted no time in twisting his arm into joining our Club. Pete was involved in all aspects of the Club including District Youth, RYLA, Board positions and Club fund raising projects. In 1999/2000 he was elected Club President.



After his year of Presidency, things became busier for Peter at work with his laboratory at the Research Institute becoming privatised and his subsequent move into Quality Control management. He also developed an interest in olives, olive oil testing and tasting, and so he dropped out of Rotary. He went on to set up and train a panel of Wagga olive oil tasters then guided the local testing of olive oil to be accredited by the supremoes in Italy. They were also registered by the National Association of Testing Authorities in Australia, a first for testing something that is of a subjective nature. Peter started doing the circuit for judging Virgin Olive Oil, taking him to Sydney Royal Agricultural Society show, the National Olive Oil show and to New Zealand. After retiring from a number of years judging at the Sydney Royal Easter Show he was invited back to receive an award as a Champion of the RAS and feted with a couple of circuits of the Grand Arena, along with all the champion livestock!

Mixed in with this period were some ups and downs with his family. His wife Lynne has battled against cancer a number of times (but going well at the moment), and they lost a daughter to a blood clot, leaving 2 young children. He has also looked after his mother for 6 months with breast cancer. On the brighter side, Pete has been encouraged by Lynne to become involved in other activities, such as music - joining the Rugby Choir and also taking private singing lessons and successfully participating in the local eisteddfod. He has also tried his hand at composing music and writing. He has started up his own company advising on quality assurance and quality control, particularly to the olive oil and sensory industries. Pete supported his presentation with lots of interesting memorabilia.

More recently he has decided to rejoin Rotary and we are very pleased to have him back. Peter was thanked for his presentation by David Friedlieb.. The meeting concluded with the reciting of the Rotary Four Way Test



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: - 1st Feb. to 7th Feb. 2021

Birthdays: Nil

Rotary Anniversaries: Gerry PAGE (02/02/1984), Philip CROSS (04/02/1999 and Deniliquin 1992 – 1999)

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

A Few Other Snaps



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