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## BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA Inc. - CHARTERED 1930

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#### THE FOUR WAY TEST:

Of the things we think, say or do: -

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
  - Will it build goodwill & better friendships?
  - Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

**BULLETIN NO: 43.** 

# Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.

## **MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH**

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

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

| Date:              | Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> May   | Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May  | Thursday 3rd June                                                               |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PROGRAMME:         | Book Fair<br>Debrief            | Student Public<br>Speaking     | Pro Patria Project<br>North Ashmont:<br>Site visit (BBQ)<br>(Details to Follow) |
| ATTENDANCE:        | Karel Bijker<br>Shishir Bhengra | Karel Bijker<br>Vicky Donoghue | Karel Bijker<br>Peter Veerhuis                                                  |
| SHORT & SWEET:     | Mike Murray                     | Graeme Callander               | N/R                                                                             |
| FINES-MASTER:      | Lyndal Seymour                  | David Cannon                   | N/R                                                                             |
| INTRODUCE SPEAKER: | N/R                             | Ellen Brasier                  | Alan Lean                                                                       |
| VOTE OF THANKS:    | N/R                             | Gordon Saggers                 | President David                                                                 |
| BULLETIN REPORTER: | Gerry Page                      | Bryan Short                    | David Kennedy                                                                   |
| MEETINGS:          | Board Meeting 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).

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



# **BOOK BOOK FAIR**

Well – what a week – the long-awaited Book Fair went ahead as planned, but first:

**Tuesday** A Wagga Rotary team led by Ellen Brasier conducted the **RYDA program**, causing Ellen to near lose her voice in the process.

**Wednesday** A keen group of students from the **Mount Austin High School Clontarf Program** assisted with the tricky job of accessing tables and trestles from storage at the Showground and setting them up in the format required for the Fair. The Supper Room area was subdivided to allow a Covid sign-on area while still using part for Children's material with separate access to and from the main hall.



**Thursday** This week's meeting night was a very informal affair with the primary objective being transfer and display of material in preparation for the Book Fair. Unfortunately due to illness, President David Payne was unable to be in attendance, however, Past President David Friedlieb was available to deputise.

Once again, our brilliant BBQ boys excelled with their culinary commissariats.

## Attendance.

As a result of the invitations issued by Graham Russell and his Book Fair subcommittee, there was 'a cast of thousands' with willing volunteers coming from numerous areas to assist us with the set-up. Once again, transport was provided by Ron Crouch Transport with the important lifters provided by Claas Harvest Centre and Royans. Volunteers came from South Wagga Apex, other Wagga Rotary Clubs and many other sources. Particularly notable volunteers were the twenty-six students from Kooringal High School. Rotarians gazed on in astonishment at the enthusiastic efforts displayed by all our guest workers. Empty tables were filled with a rapidity which always astounds, and all were then able to enjoy the BBQ tea, and fellowship.

Peter Veerhuis introduced guests Jesse Boardman (second visit) & Midya Bari – in addition to his wife, Joan.Nepal's guests included Tony Blake and Mathew Morrow, both colleagues of his from RSM Accountants.

Finally, Robert Mitchell (Pictured) was welcomed as a visiting Rotarian from the Nelson Bay Rotary Club.

# **Administration Matters.**

- ▶ BBQ Team are seeking some assistance for projects scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> July and 22<sup>nd</sup> September.
  Members are requested to 'block out' these dates in their diaries and await more detailed information.
- There will be a Board Meeting next Thursday (20<sup>th</sup> May) following the weekly Club meeting.
- > Our Club Change-Over meeting will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> June.

Following David's session, the meeting was addressed by Graham Russell with last-minute details of the planning and preparation for the Book Fair over the weekend.

#### THE FAIR DIARY

Saturday morning, weather cold with a brisk breeze, Parking area crowded and more than 100 keen buyers waiting for entry. Don Pembleton, Covid Marshall, and others steering them through the specially designed Covid registration area in the Supper Room, with registration via QR code or manually, and entry payment either by cask or card. The Supper Room was divided by screens to allow Childrens material to be displayed in the other segment. Members with counters at the entrance and exit measured numbers in the Hall. The huge crowd numbered in excess of 300 in the hall at any time during the first half of the day.. The wonderful bags supplied by Bee Dee Bags were again offered to clients and sales by the Bag were brisk, with many filling more than one bag often delivered to cars by Dave Wynne and others. Some visiting dealers bought large quantities. Coordinator Graham arranging sourcing of material from stock as required, to top up some categories. The BBQ did good business despite hall entry restrictions.

Sunday. Quieter but still busy, numbers in the hundreds during the day. Stock consolidated into fewer boxes later in the day and as the closing time approached, boxes packed up fully for transport via Crouch Transport truck. A good range of helpers emerged: South Wagga Apexians, some accompanied by family members, some Kooringal High School students returning to play a part, along with our CSU Vet student scholarship winner, Emmah Guastella with three fellow students. and of course, some partners of members and Tuesday sorters. In amazingly short time the hall was clear.

Unloading at the storage base was quickly completed, with President David thanking all for their input and Graham Russell for his leadership, Graham worked tirelessly with a difficult scenario around Covid and made it happen. Treasurer Nepal will give us a figure on the proceeds soon..

## A FEW 'HAPPY SNAPS': -





From This

to This





The Covid Entry- Register & pay in cash via Graham's tricky collection box or card with David









**Kooringal High School helpers** 

The Boss

Workers on the Job











**More Kooringal High helpers** 

<<<CSU Vet Students (Emmah on David's left)





South Wagga Apex helpers at the pack-up



## WOW!

# **Changeover Dinners:**

• Thursday 17th June 2021 Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga

• Monday 5th July 2021. Coolamon Rotary Club:

As other clubs advise of dates, this list will be updated

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

• 22 May 2021 District 9705 Club Development Seminar (Broulee)

• 30 May 2021 District 9705 Technology Training (Young)

• 12/16 June 2021 Rotary International Conference (Taipei)

• 17 June 2021 Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Changeover Dinner

• 25 November 2021 Wagga Rotary Shine Recognition Function

# Birthdays & Anniversaries:

(23rd - 29th May)

Birthdays: Lee CHENOWETH (24/5), Pamela MENDEL (28/5)

**Rotary Anniversaries: Nil** 

Wedding Anniversaries: Peter & Lee CHENOWETH (24/5)

