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Rotary Opens Opportunities

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?

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Thursday 3rd June, 2021.

JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS 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 10 th June	Thursday 17 th June	Thursday 24 th June
PROGRAMME:	Yazidi Refugees Journey	Changeover Dinner	TBA
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker Bruce Barber	Karel Bijker Marion Moran	Karel Bijker Ellen Brasier
GREETER:	-	Mary Ann Kelly	Peter Murray
SHORT & SWEET:	David Cannon	N/R	Alok Sharma
FINES-MASTER:	Don Pembleton	N/R	David Cannon
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Peter Veerhuis	N/R	Brad Bland
VOTE OF THANKS:	Bryan Short	N/R	Peter Smart
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Vicky Donoghue	Peter Veerhuis	Vida Smart
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**

Forthcoming Programs

This week, Thursday June 10th At the Country Club - Speaker Maqboola Khaleel - will address us regarding the "Migration of 146 Yazidi Refugee families to Wagga". A don't miss story.

Thursday 17th June - Our Changeover Dinner, with partners, will be held at the Country Club. 6pm for 6.30pm. \$50 per head . Come and welcome in our new President Alan Lean.

MEETING REPORT 27th May :-

Attendance:

Chairman for the night Alan Lean welcomed a good roll up of 31 members plus 1 Honorary. We were greeted with warm fires and a great barbeque. There were 12 apologies.

Club Business

Graeme Callander sought numbers for the Changeover Dinner, and if you were not present, give him a ring with your details.

Tour Leader and Guest Speaker

Jason Frost from the Pro Patria Project at Ashmont was our guest speaker and guide on site. Jason set the scene and then conducted us on a tour of the facility. This was one of the best site-visits we have had for many years with a challenge ensuing for our club, as to how we might be involved. The building is the former Carmelite Monastery, set on 3 hectares of quiet leafy gardens. Interestingly, the original signage honoured the services with the legend, Pro Patria, "*For One's Country*", which has been adopted for the new centre.



The Pro Patria Centre (PPC) aims to create a multidisciplinary approach to veterans wellbeing, through bringing together multiple health related disciplines and Ex-service support organisations in order to redefine wellbeing problems outside of the normal boundaries. This approach will allow the PPC to develop focused solutions for veterans, first responders and their families that are based on a new understanding of the complex issues they have experienced due to their years of service.

This multidisciplinary approach is now becoming recognised by government agencies and some enlightened professional bodies who understand the advantages of systems thinking for complex service-related chronic issues

One of the things being actioned is a "Defence Shed", currently at another temporary site, (courtesy of the Salvation Army !) where various skills are taught, and many agencies such as TAFE are also used to upskill and eventually rehabilitate members back into community and work. This of course requires the input of many specialists, some of whom will be on a fly-in/fly-out basis. It is very important to stop the flow of veterans being written off as unemployable.



On the tour, Jason pointed out the various sections of the building and what is planned for each one. There will be a small bedroom with an en-suite for emergency overnight accommodation, office spaces, a boardroom, a hyperbaric treatment room, library, Day Care and open grassed area for children, and much more. The Chapel is being retained as part of the concept.

It was also pointed out that bringing in medical specialists who deal specifically with these types of problems within the Defence environment, will save GPs hours of paperwork and assessment.

Jason gave us some background to his own 16 years of service, mainly in Special Operations. He was discharged at 35 years of age as medically unfit, and went through years of unsatisfactory medical treatment, weighing 117 Kg, a raging alcoholic who wouldn't leave his home, and seriously planned suicide. He was finally seen by a specialist Sydney psychiatrist who prescribed medicinal cannabis and physiotherapy, which allowed him to re-engage with his community, and arriving in Wagga in 2016 he joined up with the local Defence Shed with a great urge to help others in his situation via development of Pro Patria.

A recent community survey was conducted and received 300 replies. 60% of those replies had serious suicidal thoughts in the last year, 10% were homeless. Thus, they now have far reaching statistics to further their cause.

At present they are only renting the site, however the Carmelites are willing to sell the property, when the lease expires, for \$1.5 million. Also special bespoke programs and services are expected to cost \$20,000 to \$200,000. It's an extremely ambitious program but one with the capacity to render huge outcomes and recovery. **Local member Joe McGirr was present** and is involved with furthering the project.



Jason and the team were thanked by President David. and the meeting concluded with a strong rendition of the National Anthem.

June is Rotary Fellowships Month

June is designated Rotary Fellowships Month to recognize the importance of international fellowship and goodwill among Rotarians with similar recreational and vocational interests, promote increased participation in fellowships, and increase understanding of this program.

What are the benefits for Rotarians in joining the Rotary Fellowships? Fellowship provides opportunities for Rotarians to make lasting friendships outside their own Club, District or country.

Fellowships contribute to the advancement of world understanding and peace. Also, Fellowships serve as an incentive for attracting new members to Rotary and retaining our existing members. Indeed, Rotary Fellowship, together with the Rotarian Action Groups, serve as an effective tool in promoting membership development and should be actively promoted in our Districts.

New fellowships are added frequently; for the most recent list, see [.rotary.org/fellowships](https://www.rotary.org/fellowships)



Changeover Dinners:

- Thursday 17th June 2021 Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga
- Tuesday 29th June 2021 Wagga Wagga Sunrise Club (Invite attached below)
- Monday 5th July 2021. Coolamon Rotary Club

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

- June 19th 2021 Multicultural Council BBQ - Henschke School 11am until 4pm
- 12/16 June 2021 Rotary International Conference (Taipei)
- 17 June 2021 Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Changeover Dinner
- July 7th 2021 Lilier Lodge Barbeque
- September 22nd Lilier Lodge Barbeque
- 25th November 2021 Wagga Rotary Shine Recognition Function

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

(13th to 19th June)

Birthdays: Gerry PAGE 16/6, Rhonda SHARKIE 13/6, Lyn RUSSELL 17/6
Catherine FRIEDLIEB 19/6

Rotary Anniversaries: Bryan SHORT 13/06/1985

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil



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Seen any of these about?



They're items from a fantastic display at the **Wagga Art Glass Gallery**. Lose yourself in this beautifully staged, super creative, fun display by one of the top glass artists, **Tom Moore**. It's open during the week of course, but on Sundays in June it's accompanied by free classical music from 11am - 12.30pm. Five talented and highly accomplished musicians from the Riverina Conservatorium of Music will provide background, ranging from violinists, vocals, flautist and classical guitar. You can see Tom at work on :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=objHEYe8h58>

The Week's Snaps



The Chapel



The Mob on Tour



Tough Cookies



Dr. Joe



Tour Fatigue



Numbers Please



**Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Sunrise proudly invites you to the
30th Annual Changeover of Executive Officers**

Where: We will be celebrating at the Gardens Café & Events Centre
Botanic Gardens
43 Tom Wood Drive

Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

When: Tuesday 29th June 2021 @ 6:00 p.m for 6:30pm

Attire: Smart Casual

RSVP: 18th June 2021 to President Jo Wilson

RSVP options – email:

Rotary.Wagga.Sunrise@gmail.com

Mobile: 0407 271 904

Any special dietary requirements? Please advise with your RSVP

Cost per ticket: \$50.00 - Payment to be made by 22nd June,
preferable via EFT cash or cheque accepted
Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Sunrise
BSB 032-769 Account number: 803343 – please include your name as a reference

