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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: 20**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.**

## NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION 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 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov.	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	<b>Club AGM plus Tutuala Reports.</b>	<b>Shine Awards (at Civic Centre)</b>	<b>Kylie Perry Pain Management</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Karel Bijker Peter Smart	Karel Bijker Marion Moran	Karel Bijker John Studdert
<b>GREETER:</b>	David Wynne	<b>Program</b>	Alf Barzen
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	Bryan Short	<b>As</b>	Alok Sharma
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	Brad Bland	<b>Arranged</b>	Tony Hutchinson
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	N/R		Margaret Everett
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	N/R		Gordon Saggars
<b>BULLETIN REPORTER:</b>	Peter Veerhuis	Bryan Short	Vida Smart

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

**Don't  
forget!**

If you can't attend a meeting, please lodge your apology with THE COUNTRY CLUB OFFICE on 6922 6444 by 2.30 pm Wednesday (or pre-record it in the apology 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

Past-President Peter Veerhuis chaired the meeting, and welcomed 31 members (including a welcome visit from Peter Chenoweth) & Hon. Member Graham Gorrel. Robyn McPherson was the guest of David Payne and Manohar Pawar was guest of Alok Sharma. There were 14 apologies.

### MEETING NOTES

- A **board meeting** will follow this week's club meeting.
- **Rotary Shine Awards** will be held at Wagga Civic Centre on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Alan Lean urges members to continue to look in the community for nominations for particularly Employers who have given work opportunity to disabled people.
- **Clontarf End-of Year Celebration** was attended by 10 Wagga Rotary members, who also handled the BBQ tea. It was very satisfying to see the success rate for the program, with attendance rates high and some going on to further study/ employment.
- **Bryan Short** won the raffle - recently returned from a visit to the U.K. where he and Sally welcomed two new grandchildren, boy and girl and on return welcomed another in Melbourne, a girl.
- **Acting President Peter** read a note from President David reporting on the visit to Tutuala. (See extract later in bulletin). We will get a full outline on Thursday evening.
- **Alok Sharma** reported that as part of a project to train **Eye Surgeons for Timor Leste**, a number of participants were brought out to a seminar in Sydney. Accommodation was a problem and after an approach to Sister Walsh, our late member Peter Walsh's sister, her religious order, which has had links to Timor, funded accommodation for the student doctors.
- Acting President Peter called to the podium our member **Alf Barzen**, attending his first meeting for some weeks through health problems. Alf's fame as a winemaker along with his wonderful personal nature, led Peter to present him with a new cap, inscribed "Aged to Perfection". Great to see you back Alf.
- Alok's guest, Professor Manohar Pawar whose area of expertise is Social Development, and currently occupying the role of President of the International Consortium of Social Development, drew to our attention to the their forthcoming International Conference at Johannesburg in July 2021 while the Pacific Branch conference is at Bangkok in 2020. He welcomes for their journal, papers on Social Development projects conducted by Rotarians. Their website: <http://www.socialdevelopment.net/president.htm#>
- **Barbeques** – A busy period is coming up, with the following commitments undertaken:
  - Shine Awards – 28<sup>th</sup> November (from 5.30pm – strong team needed)
  - Disability Dance Party – 29<sup>th</sup> November (from 4pm - ditto)
  - Cricket Carnival for Clontarf – 5<sup>th</sup> December
  - Multi-cultural afternoon – either 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> December



## SHORT & SWEET

David Cannon recalled a slice of his life when travelling with a tour group in Africa at the time of the famous 'Rumble in the Jungle' when Boxer George Foreman fought Cassius Clay (later Muhammad Ali) in Kinshasa, Zaire on 30/10/74. Clay knocked Foreman out in the 8<sup>th</sup> round. David's group were camped nearby but only heard the result weeks later. Zaire is now the Republic of Congo, regarded as one of the poorest countries in the world, despite great richness in mineral wealth in the soil. A country racked with violence, around 5.4 million people have perished in acts of war over the years



## FINESMASTER

Terry Mecham somehow extracted fines from us as we groaned over jokes about armless bell ringers, Beethoven decomposing and why a circus would be interested in a talking duck looking for work as a brickie.



## GUEST SPEAKER

Acting President Peter introduced Brian Andrews, former Town Clerk and General Manager of Wagga City Council and also Alderman of the Council for some years thereafter. Brian's father was killed in the Second World War in 1944 and Brian became a boarder at Yanco Agricultural High School in 1948. When he was fifteen, Brian took up a position with Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd and worked in a number of country towns. During this time he also completed his National Service training in the Army. While working at Coonabarabran, Brian successfully applied for a position at Wagga City Council.



Brian told us how his summons to join Council staff was derailed by his involvement in the Polio Epidemic of 1956. He shared recollections of life in polio wards of the day, and of the various forms taken by the disease, being more serious in the chest area affecting ability to breathe, as opposed to impacts on the limbs. Many significant people were touched by polio eg President Franklin Roosevelt. A development with the disease, known as Post-Polio Syndrome, occurs later in life, often 40 – 50 years later, causing fatigue, weakness etc.

Council held the job open for Brian, and following several months of recuperation he commenced working for them in 1956. He remained employed with Wagga Wagga City Council for forty-five years, rising through the ranks, assisted by appropriate studies in Local Government. He was Town Clerk from 1984 to 1993 when he was appointed as the Council's first General Manager - a position he held until his retirement in January 2001. He has fond memories of things achieved and people he was associated with during his career.

Brian has spent many years as a Rotarian and, given his brush with Polio, has been impressed by Rotary's significant involvement in the fight to eliminate polio from the world.

## NEXT MEETING: -

**This Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November** our meeting will feature reports on the **Tutuala Project** in Timor Leste following the visit by Paul Galloway, Gordon Saggars and President David Friedlieb, as well as the **Club Annual General Meeting**.

## INTEREM TUTUALA REPORT

**President David reports:** “We were very warmly welcomed when we arrived. The pre-school teacher Gracienda had arranged for various local officials to be there too, despite Tuesday being a public holiday.

It is near the end of the dry season, and rains are due soon. The land is incredibly dusty, and the people live in and on the dirt apart from their rudimentary housing. While electricity is available everywhere, the distribution of water is very under-developed, particularly in Tutuala, and they are used to going without. This possibly explains why the water supply at “our” pre-school had not had necessary repairs effected and was essentially not working.

We were able to test the quality of the water from three different sources in Tutuala, using testing kits provided by Howard Mendel, and it was pleasing that no contamination appeared to show up.

“Our” pre-school caters for 67 children in two groups, and we met one group on Wednesday morning. They are clean, well dressed and groomed, and are very happy kids, very excited to shake our hands and grab our attention. Gracienda is the driving force. We have some photos and video to bring back with us.

We took a lot of time there arranging for the necessary repairs to be done, and then in arranging to secure supplementary water from the adjoining Elementary School

Today back in Dili we are meeting with the adviser to the Minister for Education, and may be checking out another pre-school. Our prime mission is largely done, but we will use our time here to look around further. Further reports and some funding suggestions for the Board meeting next week”

## SUNFLOWER HOUSE INC – LAUNCH

The Committee of Management, Staff and Members of **Sunflower House**, invite us to the launch of Sunflower House Inc. Sunflower House Inc. is a new not for profit registered charity to support people with a lived experience of mental illness. They are celebrating the continuation of this well-loved and supported community service that is now locally managed.

The official launch by Patron Dr Joe McGirr MP at 10:30am at Sunflower House, 4 The Esplanade, Wagga Wagga NSW, on Friday 29 November, 2019. will be followed by morning tea and tours of Sunflower House and garden project. Please RSVP by Monday 18th November to e [bonnie.harley@sunflowerhouse.com.au](mailto:bonnie.harley@sunflowerhouse.com.au), ph. 0427 226 941

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

- 28th Nov. 2019 Wagga Rotary – Shine Awards.
- 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019 Disability Dance Party BBQ from 4pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. **RYPEN**
- 5<sup>th</sup> December **BBQ at Clontarf Cricket Carnival**
- 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 **Wagga Rotary Christmas Party**
- 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. **BBQ at Multi-cultural afternoon**
- 11-17th January 2020 **RYLA**
- 4th Mar. 20 **Catering At Lilier Lodge**
- 20-22nd Mar. 20 **Final D9700 Conference (Temora).**
- 2nd – 3rd May.20 **Wagga Rotary BOOK FAIR.**
- 3rd Jun. 20 **Catering At Lilier Lodge**
- 6-10th June 20 **Rotary [International Convention](#) – Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.**



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(23rd Nov – 29th Nov.)

**Birthdays:** Ruth BARBER 26/11

**Rotary Anniversaries:** Vicky DONOGHUE 23/11/2017, Nepal GHOSH 27/11/2014

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Ian & Georgina GIBSON 26/11





## THIS WEEK'S SNAPS



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