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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: 21**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</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 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	<b>Shine Awards (at Civic Centre)</b>	<b>Kylie Perry Pain Management</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Karel Bijker Marion Moran	Karel Bijker John Studdert	Karel Bijker Mary Ann Kelly
<b>GREETER:</b>	<b>Program</b>	Alf Barzen	Margaret Keys
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	As	Alok Sharma	Elaine Almond
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	Arranged	Tony Hutchinson	Gordon Saggars
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>		Margaret Everett	N/R
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>		Gordon Saggars	N/R
<b>BULLETIN REPORTER:</b>	Bryan Short	Vida Smart	Donoghue Vicky

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

**President David Friedlieb**, (having only just returned from East Timor), apologised for the late change of venue and welcomed 33 members to our Copland Street Storage Depot. There were 12 apologies.



### MEETING NOTES

- **SHINE AWARDS** David reminded members that this week's meeting (Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> November) is of special importance, as it will feature the **Shine Awards and will be held at the Civic Centre at 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm**. This is a key award-winning club initiative featuring the Club on display to the community, honouring workers with a disability and employers of workers with a disability - **so strong support by us all by attending and creating a welcoming environment for the nominees and their supporters, is vital**. Please invite partners on this special occasion. All members are encouraged to wear Rotary Shirts. **The BBQ will need a strong Team (from 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm), to Cook and Serve.**



Apologies and notice of guests should be recorded with the Country Club, as usual.

- **The following evening**, Friday 29 November, a strong Barbeque team will be needed for the annual **Disability Dance Party at the Showground** (4.00 pm to 7.00 pm). A few members may also care to assist with the serving line. This is another great opportunity for the club to be seen supporting the community and always a fun evening. **How wonderful with the International Day of those with a disAbility falling on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, that our club is doubly celebrating that occasion.**
- **The Club Christmas Party** will be held at the Country Club on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Members are asked to bring along on the night a gift for a child, from 2 to 12 years old, (with an age tag on the outside) which will be placed under the K-Mart Wishing Tree.
- **Barbeques** – The busy period continues, with the following commitments
  - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December (11.30 to 1.30pm) Cricket Carnival for Clontarf **at Bolton Park**
  - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December (3pm to 6.00 pm) Multi-cultural afternoon Botanic Gardens
- **President David** announced that his wife, Doctor Catherine Stuart is joint author with Doctor Paul Finucane of a new book "*Odd roads to be walking*" – *156 Women who shaped Australian art*, which was being launched that evening. Copies are available online at <https://www.oddroads.com.au/>
- **Christmas Trivia Night organised by CSU Rotaract** will be held Friday 6 December at 6 for 6.30pm – at the Commercial Club, Wagga, 8 per table \$ 15.00 per person.
- **Sunflower House Launch** 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 to [ebonnie.harley@sunflowerhouse.com.au](mailto:ebonnie.harley@sunflowerhouse.com.au), ph. 0427 226 941

## SHORT & SWEET

Bryan Short shared with us a snapshot of his life story. Born in Wagga in 1948, to parents who met through war-time duty at Kapooka, she as a VAD nursing volunteer and he as the first Quartermaster at the newly established facility. Bryan attended local schools, had a multitude of after school jobs, and was in the last Leaving Certificate class at Wagga High. About this time, he developed a keen interest in golf. When considering his future, a discussion with then City Engineer Colin Knott, who was seeking a Cadet Engineer, led to a cadetship in engineering with Wagga City Council. Realising that studying Engineering by correspondence was not effective, Bryan re-sat the Leaving and was able gain enrolment in Civil Engineering with University of NSW. He was back in Wagga for work experience stints with the local Councils and with Theiss on the Snowy Hydro scheme. He had met future wife Sally at a local function and they stayed in touch over the next few years, both ending up at Uni. In Sydney. Bryan did well enough in his Engineering study to gain a scholarship to study for a Masters in Water Engineering which led to Lecturers job in Agricultural Engineering at Wagga Agricultural College, but after three years, he decided to return to local government with Wagga City Council. He and Sally wed at Wagga Country Club in 1976. As we learned last week, they have just added three new grandchildren to the family.



## FINESMASTER

**Brad Bland** drew on his 'comprehensive listening skills' (or good Rotary bulletin filing) by highlighting the Finesmaster skills of Club members as follows:-

- \*the award for knowledge of Wagga historical information – went to Neil Hilpern;
  - \*the best skills in poetry went to “Book, Book, Book” Gerry Page.
  - \*the best first fine session went to Vicky Donoghue for her recent Melbourne Cup performance.
  - \*the best fine master at short notice went to Tony Hutch (Tony has been complimented on two occasions for his Fines sessions in the Bulletin).
  - \*the most acronyms in a fine session goes to Alan Lean for teaching us the finer points of Rotary.
  - \*this one sounds accurate:- The award for the longest fine session in memory goes to Alok Sharma. (Brad can't recall the details, except that it was a long session).
  - \*the “I'm always ready to do a fine session” award goes to Bill Prest who carried potential fines sessions around in his pocket.
  - \*the I've forgotten where I am up to in my fine session award also goes to Bill Prest.
  - \*the recycled fine session award is “sort of shared” between David Cannon and Brad himself. Brad used a list of odd spots from the Melbourne Age for a session; which he then passed to David, who also used them. For good measure Brad used them a third time – and not a single Club member or Bulletin Editor woke up to their trickery!
  - \*the highest grossing fine session (dollars, not gross jokes), goes to Gordon Saggars who successfully fined the whole Club membership, at least once.
  - \*The Award for the longest serving member without actually performing a Fines Session goes to Graeme Callander.(Too busy as Sgt at Arms)
  - \*The award for cleaning up dirty jokes during a fine session goes to Graham Russell.
  - \*But the **big** Award for the **best** fine session during 9 years of Brad's membership goes to Peter Smart for the sheer wit, intellect, humour, poetry; aided by research, thought and sheer cheek. **His Award? A mini fine box!**
- Not a bad old session from you either Brad.**



## TUTUALA REPORT

President David Friedlieb elaborated on his impressions set out in the report included in last week's bulletin from 6 days in Timor Leste, accompanying Gordon Saggars and Paul Galloway, to Tutuala - particularly noting the difficult conditions in which people live; the lengthy six hour travel over poor roads to reach the village of Tutuala, widespread availability of TV, mobile phones and other infrastructure, but shortage of clean water and sanitation. There is a looming problem of no work being available for most youth.

Gordon Saggars used a number of photos from the trip to elaborate on the mention in David's interim report that the water supply at "our" pre-school was essentially not working, needing repair, but that no action was in hand to achieve that. Paul Galloway investigated the practical aspects of problems being experienced and found that they arose from poor completion of installation work to ensure security of the water supply in an environment where water is so valuable, eg covering pipes with concrete to eliminate tampering access. They found it difficult in such an area to arrange required work, and took a lot of time arranging for the necessary repairs, and then in arranging to secure supplementary water from the adjoining Elementary School



Gordon was able to show us the test water samples taken from different sites in Tutuala – they seemed OK. (Some others he displayed from a bore in Dili used for household purposes, were black by comparison, showing heavy contamination.) There may be some applications for Howard Mendel's filter system.

Gracienda, the children's teacher, is a driving force and it was decided to purchase a photocopier and supplies requested by her.

The team met with a member of the Ministry of Education in Dili, discussed the club's mission in Tutuala and were invited to visit another preschool with poor facilities. It had no tables or chairs for the students, and no water for toilets and handwashing - they used facilities at an elementary school nearby. An executive decision was made to purchase tables and chairs for the students. Other facilities which were provided by the army some years ago had fallen into disrepair. A nearby bore may be promising as a water source. A great application of Paul's practical skills and Gordon's diplomacy was obvious – they continue to do a great job on behalf of the club in Timor Leste.

Future action on our activities in Timor Leste will be dependent on Board deliberations.



**Gracienda with her award for excellence from the Timor-Leste President.**



**Some of the kids**



**Bore water from Dili used in household**



**Tutuala samples**



Another preschool we were asked by the Minister, Dulce, to visit as they didn't have any tables or chairs for the students, and no water for toilets and handwashing



Tables and chairs provided for the students



Paul in action - Water from a bore on an adjacent property which could supply the water tanks at this preschool



Howards filter on trial on a bore.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was declared open.. The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were read by President David and confirmed.

Treasurer Nepal Ghosh read the Treasurer's Report for the year ended 30 June 2019. In his written report, Club Auditor Hayden Callander commended the Club on its record keeping and internal checks. Members received this report with acclamation. Nepal will circulate a copy of the financial statement at next week's meeting.

The election of the 2020/2021 Board took place:-

· President -	David Payne
· President Elect (VP) -	Vacant
· Club Secretary -	Ellen Brasier
· Club Treasurer -	Nepal Ghosh
· Director Club Administration -	Margaret Everett
· Director Rotary Foundation -	Philip Cross
· Director Public Image –	David Wynne
· Director Membership –	Alok Sharma
· Director Youth -	Vida Smart
· Director Club Service	Elaine Almond
· Immediate Past President -	David Friedlieb

All members nominated had accepted their nomination, and were declared duly elected. Congratulations were extended to all elected members.

Incoming President David Payne thanked his board members and urged others in the club to seriously consider taking on the role of President for the 2021 /2022 year.

## 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 Bolton Park**
- 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 Botanic Gardens**
- 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: -

(30<sup>th</sup> Nov – 6<sup>th</sup> Dec.)

**Birthdays:** Ruth KENNEDY 4/12

**Rotary Anniversaries:** Nil

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Terry & Fran MECHAM 3/12, Don & Yvonne PEMBLETON 4/12



## THIS WEEK'S SNAPS



**The great tucker**



**Cranky caterer**



**Raffle Winner – water into wine**



**It was a warm old night**



**The plebs**



**Nervous looking incoming President**



**Smart-Arse Finesmaster award winner**