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BULLETIN NO: 18.

Thursday 29th October, 2020.

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 5 th Nov.	Thursday 12 th Nov.	Thursday 19 th Nov.
PROGRAMME:	Sofi Seneme Brazilian Exchange Student	Club Social BBQ - Copland Street	Club AGM.
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker David Kennedy	Karel Bijker	Karel Bijker Alan Lean
GREETER:	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required
SHORT & SWEET:	Peter Murray	Not Required	Bruce Barber
FINES-MASTER:	Paul Galloway	Not Required	Vida Smart
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Brad Bland	Not Required	Not Required
VOTE OF THANKS:	Gary Roberts	Not Required	Not Required
BULLETIN REPORTER:	John Heazlewood	Don Pembleton	Bryan Short
C'TTEE MEETINGS:	Bulletin & History C'ttee.	N/R	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).

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

MEETING REPORT: -

Attendance.

President David welcomed thirty-two (32) of our members to the meeting. This gives us an impressive attendance of 73%. In addition, he also welcomed two visitors, Peter Olson (guest of Peter Veerhuis) and Key-Note Speaker, Andrew Crakanthorp, the general manager of Riverina Water.

Apologies from Alf Barzen, Allan Duffus, Alok Sharma, David Friedlieb, Gary Roberts, Gordon Siggers, Margaret Everett, Mary Ann Kelly, Neil Hilpern, Paul Galloway, Peter Murray, Peter Smart & Rajinder Singh were recorded.

Reports.

- The Club's **Annual General Meeting** is scheduled for the 19th November. Nomination forms for the 2021-2022 Board will be available at the next weekly meeting (5th November).
- Philip Cross announced that the **Centurion** total has reached \$1500 YTD - he thanked all those who had contributed so far. Last year's Centurion donations totalled \$3700. Later in this Bulletin you will find instructions on how to renew your membership – or sign up if you haven't previously participated. Please consider supporting this excellent project.
- David Wynne reported that **Paul Galloway** is home and doing well after his procedure.
- Members of the **Bulletin & History Sub Committee** are requested to attend a meeting with Club President David at 6:00 PM next Thursday - prior to the Club Meeting.

Short & Sweet.



Brad Bland entertained us with a brief history of his life since moving to Wagga a decade ago. Whilst residing in Wagga he has been a single parent, remarried and fathered another child; and he is now building a new home.

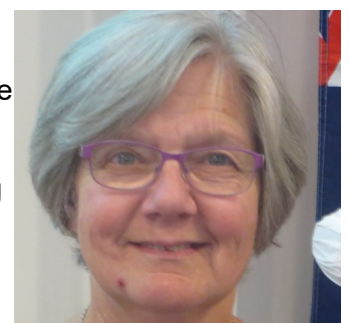
He highlighted the hospitality that he received from Bruce Barber when he first arrived, stating that "Bruce's shed is extremely comfortable". Thereafter, he then moved into a home in the suburb of Ashmont where, within a six-week period, he suffered two burglaries and had his car 'torched'.

Brad enjoys all his Rotary friendship and connections – which have resulted in his securing the employment that he currently enjoys. Brad's is proud to have served as our President (2013/14) - during his term, two new members were inducted.

Fines Session.

Vicky Donoghue presented an enjoyable session based on "The Race that Stops the Nation" and in doing so managed to fill the club coffers with a tidy sum.

She also fined Marion Moran as the winner of the raffle and Bruce Barber for stating that Ruth's Birthday was a month early.



Key-Note Speaker.

Graeme Callander introduced our Guest Speaker Andrew Crakanthorp. Graeme and Andrew were work colleagues in 2008.

Andrew, who is now the General Manager of Riverina Water gave us a very enlightening talk on the history of Riverina Water from its early days as the 'Water Works' to what it is today.



In 2018 a new filtration plant was built on the present site which encompasses 23 acres (9.3 Ha) with 108 staff all on site.

In 1938 it was known as the Riverina County Council but did not include Wagga until 1945. When Wagga was added, the organisation was expanded to include electricity supply and was then known as Southern Riverina County Council (SRCC).

In 1997, as a result of State Government re-arrangements, where regional electricity supply was centralised and privatised, SRCC was dissolved and Riverina Water, as we know it today, came into existence.

Our water is sourced 70% from an underground aquifer and 30% from the Murrumbidgee River.

\$2 million has recently been spent to replace the plant at Urana where there is now only one staff member whose job is mainly to monitor water quality.

Today, Riverina Water has in excess of 33,000 connections and are actively planning to expand this number.

Two new Reservoirs were recently constructed on Willans Hill - but the one at Lockhart claims to be the prettiest having been decorated by local 'silo artists'!



Andrew explained the treatment process in that water is aerated (to eliminate gases), fluoridated (for dental health) and lightly chlorinated (a disinfectant). There is also a Ph adjustment where required.

He then told us of the percentage of usage in various outlets. Of the 15 gegalitres entitlement half goes on lawns, .07% on swimming pools, 10% on household use and 5% recreational. There is 5% unexplained leakage

Andrew encouraged water efficiency - only water gardens between 5:00 PM and 10:00 AM - and fit timers to our taps.

Riverina Water has assets in excess of \$400 million and generates a cash surplus - this year around \$8 million which will be used to expand their services.

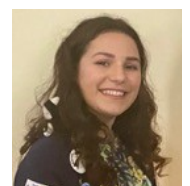
Riverina Water have an active Community Grants program and have assisted South Wagga Rotary with overseas aid to Timor and Nepal. There is also involvement in Vietnam where only bottle water is safe for human consumption. He invited our Club to make representations for assistance in water related projects.

Mike Murray thanked Andrew on our behalf for his very informative presentation.

Next Meeting.

Next week (5th Nov) sees us once again enjoying the hospitality of the Wagga Wagga Country Club. Members are requested to observe the Covid rules and directions of the staff.

We will have the opportunity to meet and entertain the current Rotary Exchange Student, Sofi Seneme who 'hails from' Brazil.



Our future is in our youth! This presents an excellent opportunity to showcase Rotary and the youth programs it sponsors; why not invite a friend or colleague to this meeting (don't forget to notify for catering).

CENTURION PROGRAM: -



The Centurion Club was the brainchild of our very own Peter Walsh (PDG), who saw the need to establish a program similar to "Every Rotarian Every Year". District 9700 continued this on since his untimely death, and it is now spread across many other Rotary Districts.

Our new District 9705 maintains this program, encouraging Centurions to give AUD\$100 each year to The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust while ever they are able to do so. Donations are Tax Deductible and can be directed to Annual Giving or Polio Eradication if you wish.

Philip Cross is coordinating the program for our Club. He reports that "Donations for the Centurion Program have started to come in, so thank you to all those that have contributed so far, being members, partners and ex Rotarians".

The details of payment options were in the email Philip sent out on 26th October but if you need it again please contact him. Club Treasurer Nepal has given us expanded options to donate; we can 'pay wave' at the attendance desk (cost is an extra dollar i.e. \$101 to cover bank fees). Other options include: -

- Cash or Cheque direct to our Treasurer (Nepal Ghosh)
- Direct Deposit
- Credit card direct to Rotary International
- Download & complete the form included with Philip's email.

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH: -

The mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$USD 4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world.

What impact can one donation have?

- ✓ For as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio.
- ✓ \$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness.
- ✓ \$500 can launch an anti-bullying campaign and create a safe environment for children.

To financially support the Foundation follow the following link: -

<https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation>.



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

- **19th November 2020** **Club AGM.**
- **3rd December 2020** **District Governor Michael Moore on Zoom.**
- **17th December 2020** **Club Christmas Function.**
- **19-21st March 2021** **District Conference (Bathurst).**
- **12-16th June 2021** **Rotary International Convention (Taipei).**

THE 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK:



David Wynne updated us on Paul Galloway's Procedure.



Sharkie shares a joke with David Cannon.



Graeme introduces our Key-Note Speaker – I think we worked together in 2008.



Andrew is thanked for his presentation.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(1st Nov – 7th Nov)

Birthdays: Margaret Keys (7/11)
Rotary Anniversaries: Tony Hutchinson (1/11/1995)
Wedding Anniversaries: Nil



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**IN WINE
THERE IS WISDOM,
IN BEER
THERE IS FREEDOM,
IN WATER
THERE IS BACTERIA.**



Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation toward the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.