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BULLETIN NO: 21.

Thursday 19th November, 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 26 th Nov.	Thursday 3 rd Dec.	Thursday 10 th Dec.
PROGRAMME:	Michelle Maddison Women in Wagga. (Partner's Night)	Joel Jenkins Shine Award Nominee.	DG Michael Moore Zoom Meeting.
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker Marion Moran	Karel Bijker Terry Mecham	Karel Bijker Mike Murray
GREETER:	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required
SHORT & SWEET:	Elaine Almond	Graham Russell	Philip Cross
FINES-MASTER:	Vida Smart	Lyndal Seymour	Peter Smart
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Mary Ann Kelly	Alan Lean	Terry Mecham
VOTE OF THANKS:	Ellen Brasier	Graeme Callander	Not Required
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Gerry Page	Ellen Brasier	Peter Veerhuis
C'TTEE MEETINGS:	Special Club Meeting (Dist Constitution)	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-nine members to our weekly meeting – back at the Country Golf Club after last week's meeting at our book sorting facility in Copland Street. This meeting also involves our Annual General Meeting.

Eight apologies were recorded.

Reports.

- ➔ President David advised us that today is International Men's Day, as well as International Toilet Day. One wonders, what will they think of next!
- ➔ Elaine Almond provided information in regard to the K-Mart Wishing Tree activity. Members can be involved by bringing an unwrapped gift to our Rotary meetings on either 3rd December or 10th December. Santa's elves will then organise wrapping and delivery. 
- ➔ Phil Cross reported that our Centurion contributions to the Foundation were well ahead of last year, with \$4,300 donated up until last week. Still a couple of weeks to go if anyone else wants to talk to Phil.
- ➔ President David gave a quick rundown on the Wagga Rotary Presidents meeting. He was concerned that the proposed Rotary information session appears to have been derailed by one club wanting to do something different to what had originally been agreed upon. They are still trying to reach a compromise. They have also been discussing the difficulty of organising large fund raising events (Book Fair, Food and Wine Tasting) but operating within the Covid19 requirements.

Short & Sweet.

Bruce Barber provided some history about his family's rural activities over a number of generations. He went back to their roots in the Wimmera district in Western Victoria where they got a taste for irrigation. In the 1940s his father then made the move to Griffith where Bruce later consolidated their interest with three rice farms. Bruce also served for over 20 years as a Director of the Rice Growers Co-operative.

They later purchased another property at Borambola east of Wagga Wagga. With no interest to continue in rice farming from younger family members, the Griffith properties were sold and Bruce and Ruth moved to Wagga Wagga.

A few years prior to moving, he had been District Governor of our old Rotary District 9700. He chose to have his District Conference in Wagga Wagga and our Club helped him to organise it. On that basis he had no concerns about joining our Club when they moved to Wagga.

He also produced the historic photo reproduced here, circa 1920, showing the way irrigation canals were built with horse drawn equipment. The photo was from around Moama, down near Echuca. It was amazing what they could do with such basic equipment.

Thanks Bruce.



Fines Session.

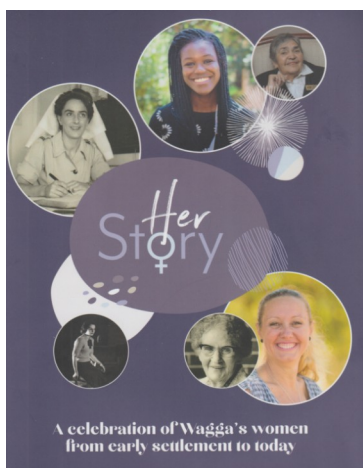
Peter Veerhuis was our Fines Master for the night. He fined Nepal for winning the wine and took advantage of International Men's Day and International Toilet Day to issue a few more fines. Those with anniversaries and Rotary Birthdays were also bitten.

Supporters of QLD in the State of Origin victory had to pay up, as did Peter Olson at his first night back as a paid up member.



Peter then called on David Wynne to provide a bit of colour based on Donald Trump, Covid19 and the American Election. David did not let us down, telling us that when The Donald came to speak at Wagga Rotary, a couple of members adjourned to the bar. After an hour they stuck their heads back in and asked how he was going, to be told that he was still introducing himself! In regard to Covid19, David remarked that he had never washed his hands so much. At one stage he even found that he had unearthed his sixth class maths cheat notes that he had written on the palm of his hands. Good work Peter and Dave.

Next Meeting.



The next Club meeting will feature our past president (2010/11) and current curator of the Museum of the Riverina, Michelle Maddison. She will relate the background leading up to the recent exhibition staged by the museum to celebrate the story of some notable Wagga women, dating back to early settlement up until today. The culmination of the exhibition was the publication of a book detailing the stories of some fifty local women.

This evening has been designated as a **Partner's Night** and is also open to your friends and colleagues – but please remember to notify numbers for catering.

And don't delay with numbers as there are limitations due to the Covid regulations – 'first in best dressed'.

Annual General Meeting.

President David declared the Club's AGM to be open.

Secretary Ellen Brasier read the minutes from the last AGM and there were no questions.

David presented his President's Report whereby, in his four and half months in the role so far, he had found it to be fruitful, interesting and fun. He had enjoyed the support of members, and the Board was working very well. He thanked them for their conscientious efforts. He has been thankful that he has not had to resort to Zoom meetings. He advised that after recess in 2020, our Book Fair is tentatively rescheduled to May of 2021. He also made special mention of new members Gary Roberts and Peter Olson. Nepal Ghosh presented the Treasurers Report which had been signed off by Honorary Auditor Hayden Callander and also complimented Nepal on the way our report was prepared.



This was followed by the election of Office Bearers. There had been some concern about a candidate for next year's President. However, Alan Lean accepted a nomination from the floor by Gerry Page to take on the role, which was well received by the club members and he was duly elected. President Elect for the following year will be David Wynne, Other officers will be similar to this year with Ellen Brasier as Secretary, Nepal Ghosh as Treasurer, Alok Sharma as Membership Director, Vida Smart as Youth Director, and Phil Cross as Foundation Director. Administration Director is still to be confirmed, Elaine Almond will be Publicity Officer and Graeme Callander will be Sergeant at Arms.

President Peter thanked Past President David Friedlieb for his contribution to the Club after 3 years on the Board.

There was some General Business with discussion over Fines Sessions, Short and Sweet and International Toasts. This has been left to the new Board to review, along with ensuring that roles such as thanking guest speakers are evenly distributed amongst members.

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH: -

November is Rotary Foundation month. The Rotary Foundation is our own charity. Since it was founded over 100 years ago the Rotary Foundation has invested over US\$4 billion in making the world a better place. Rotary has built peace, goodwill and understanding along with improvements in health and education at the same time as building economic development and fighting poverty.

The Rotary Foundation has received the highest possible rating score from the international Charity Navigator for twelve years running. It currently is the only charity to score 100%.in overall rating.

Our District Foundation Centurion Program Co-ordinator, Ian Tooke, recently reminded members “While we would like to see every Rotarian joining the D9705 Centurion Program, we realise that many of us are unable to make this regular commitment. But, for just \$2.00 per week, which is less than a cup of coffee, or a packet of Tim Tams, your contribution will make a significant difference through The Rotary Foundation”.

2020 ROTARY MEMBER CENSUS: -

You are encouraged to participate in the 2020 Rotary Member Census. Your responses will help Rotary make decisions about the Rotary organisation and its future direction.

You should have recently received an email seeking your participation. If you didn't receive it, click onto the following link: -

[https://rotary.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6GxOLmJ0Qrom1qR?
Q_DL=zLeqkSTJZRG5nDL_6GxOLmJ0Qrom1qR_CGC_EkvdXtcLud3c2J1&Q_CHL=email](https://rotary.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6GxOLmJ0Qrom1qR?Q_DL=zLeqkSTJZRG5nDL_6GxOLmJ0Qrom1qR_CGC_EkvdXtcLud3c2J1&Q_CHL=email)

The personal information sought will not be used for any purpose other than official Rotary business. The survey should take less than fifteen minutes to complete and is open until 18th December 2020.



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

- **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:



Some of our female members sharing their Rotary story with Rachel McDonald (journalist) from the Wagga Daily Advertiser – prior to our meeting.



Graham Russell welcomed Alf back to our meetings after a bout of sick leave.



Margaret Everett belatedly receives her pin form President David.



Nepal wins the Lucky Door wine – a non-drinker but still encouraged by Alok to 'kick the tin'.



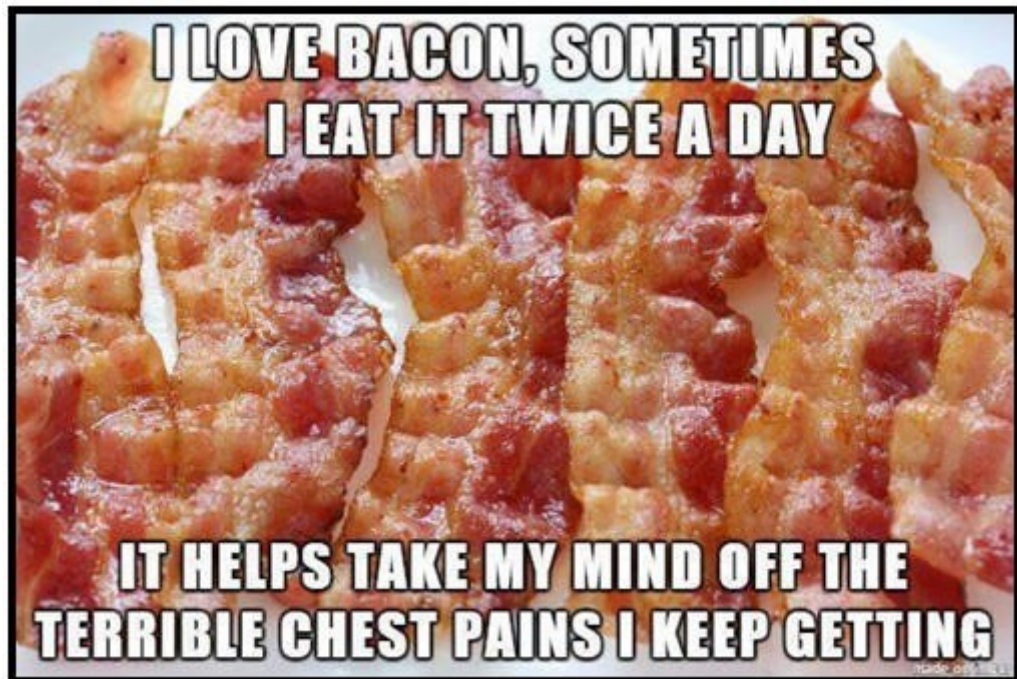
BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(22nd Nov – 28th Nov)

- Birthdays:** Ruth Barber (26/11)
- Rotary Anniversaries:** Vicky Donoghue (23/11/17) and Nepal Ghosh (27/11/14)
- Wedding Anniversaries:** Ian & Georgina Gibson (26/11)



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