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BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA Inc. - CHARTERED 1930

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<p>RI President: Holger Knaack Dist. Gov 9705: Michael Moore Area Three Gov: Martin Brown Club President: David Payne Club Secretary: Ellen Brasier</p>	 Rotary Opens Opportunities	<p>THE FOUR WAY TEST: Of the things we think, say or do: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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BULLETIN NO: 22.

Thursday 26th November, 2020.

DECEMBER IS ROTARY DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT 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 3 rd Dec.	Thursday 10 th Dec.	Thursday 17 th Dec.
PROGRAMME:	Joel Jenkins Shine Award Nominee.	DG Michael Moore Zoom Meeting.	Club Christmas Meeting
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker Terry Mecham	Karel Bijker Mike Murray	Karel Bijker Gerry Page
GREETER:	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required
SHORT & SWEET:	Graham Russell	Philip Cross	Philip Cross
FINES-MASTER:	Lyndal Seymour	Peter Smart	Bruce Barber
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Alan Lean	Terry Mecham	Not Required
VOTE OF THANKS:	Graeme Callander	Not Required	Not Required
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Ellen Brasier	Peter Veerhuis	Vicky Donoghue
C'TTEE MEETINGS:	N/R	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 opened the club meeting by welcoming around 33 members and guests, Fran Payne (wife of President David), Joan Veerhuis, (wife of Peter), Sally (wife of Bryan Short), Jane (wife of John Heazlewood), Judy Galloway (wife of Paul) and our Club Guest/Speaker, Michelle Maddison.

Eleven apologies were recorded.

Special General Meeting.

President David declared open a Special Meeting to consider and adopt a new Constitution & Club By-laws;

He moved *“That the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Inc. adopts as its Constitution the document entitled ‘Proposed Constitution of the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Inc.’ attached to the notice circulated to members on 5/11/20”*. It was seconded by Bryan Short and accepted unanimously.

He then moved *“That the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Inc. adopts as its By-Laws the document entitled ‘By-Laws of the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Inc.’ attached to the notice circulated to members on 5/11/20.”*. It was seconded Graeme Callander and accepted unanimously.

The Special meeting was then closed.

Administration Matters

- David reminded us that Rotary Club members regularly attending our meetings at the Wagga Country Club are required under NSW law to become at least social members (cost \$5-50 per year) of the Country Club.
- **He then reported on the recent Board meeting:** which discussed: -
 1. The District 9705 Budget which will be voted on at District Board meeting on 6th December - Past President David Friedlieb has conducted a review of the budget and his report expressed some disagreement with some of its terms as presented. Our Club Board voted against its adoption.
 2. A further CSU Veterinary Student Scholarship was approved.
- We were reminded of the Club Social lunch to be held at Palm & Pawn Hotel on **Sunday 6th December**. A few places remain available. Call Lyndal Seymour (MOB: 0439 429 733) to reserve your place/s at the table.
- The Clontarf Academy is holding its End-of-Year Awards Function at the Wagga Music Bowl (Botanic Gardens) on Wednesday 9th December between 6:00 PM & 7:00 PM with BBQ and refreshments. We are invited to join the boys, staff and teachers to celebrate the achievements of the Academy during 2020. RSVP to Nick Skinner on 0420 780 044 or nicholas.skinner11@det.nsw.edu.au
- The BBQ at Clontarf Cricket at Bolton Park on Monday 6th December will also be run by our club.

Short & Sweet.



Elaine Almond vowed her session was short and was also sweet, because it was about women. She noted that 33 years ago, in June 1987 women joined Rotary and by June 1990 there were 20,200 women Rotarians. In July 2020 there are 277,000 women Rotarians or 23% of total Rotary members.

18 years ago, in 2002, Jeanette Yap became the first female member of our club. Leone Harvey Smith joined in 2003 and became the first woman President in 2007 - Michelle Maddison joined in 2003 becoming our second woman President in 2010.

Since 2002 we have had 31 women join the club. There has been some turnover, and

we currently have 9 women members, 20% of our membership. Of these three have been Presidents of our club, Ellen Brasier, Mary Anne Kelly and Elaine.

The first woman President of a local Rotary club was at the Sunrise club in 1995. Rotary year 2022/ 2023 will see Canadian Jeanette Jones become the first woman President of Rotary International, also that year our own local Geraldine Rurenga of Murrumbidgee Rotary Club will be the first woman President of our newly formed District 9705. She invited all to join in a toast to the Women in Rotary.

Fines Session.



Vida Smart fined the raffle winner, Joan Veerhuis and those celebrating anniversaries, before fining all the men, for not being women! She had a couple of fines for those not knowing key dates about women's entry into Rotary including a tricky one about what year the first woman became President of a Rotary club. The answer – 1987 when Sylvia Whitlock became President of the Rotary Club of Duarte in Calif, after the club won a Supreme Court battle over the revocation of their charter in 1977, when they had admitted women in contravention of Rotary International policy.

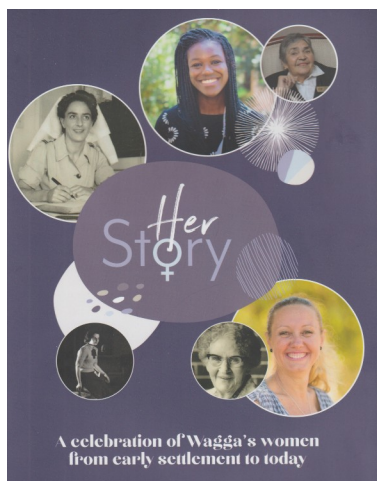
Vida cited British novelist Sir William Golding “ *I think women are foolish to pretend they are equal to men. They are far superior and always have been. Whatever you give a woman, she will make greater. If you give her sperm, she'll give you a baby. If you give her a house, she'll make a home. If you give her groceries, she'll give you a meal. If you give her a smile, she'll give you her heart. She multiplies and enlarges whatever is given to her. So, if you give her any crap, be ready to receive a ton of *****”. She ruled ‘If you have given a lady any of these items - pay up.

Key-Note Speaker.

Mary Ann Kelly introduced our speaker, Past President of this Club, and now Curator at the Museum of the Riverina Michelle Maddison. Michelle told us how research for an exhibition called ‘Her Story’ which she staged in 2019, led to the production of a book of the same name, which detailed the extraordinary stories of the women, past and present, who've helped shape Wagga Wagga into the city it is today. She started by reviewing a number of significant women from the early Wagga community, little known to us today and worked through to others whose names are more familiar. Michelle illustrated by snapshots of early women raising large families of 17 children in the Tin Town era, coping with diphtheria outbreaks decimating families, women who were running farming properties or businesses by themselves when their husbands had died or left them etc. Along the way she touched on interesting characters such as Ethel Forrest who led a strange life



but whose legacy went into development of age care facilities; adventurers such Wendy Kelsall - first woman in Wagga to get a pilot's licence, who was flying a Tiger Moth when only a teenager. Sheila Martin who became Miss Australia 1937; Janet Shearer who staged an amazing rescue in Lake Albert; Edna Busse a famous prima ballerina. The book reviews women who have been significant in many roles. Some have made considerable public contributions in the fields of medicine, or in the arts and public service, as teachers, performers, or politicians, Michelle touched on a number of women from the modern era: including Alicia Quirk who represented Australia in Rugby Union, Kay Hull who had a great career in the political sphere, and Yvonne O'Connor who has run a very successful Dance studio for in excess of 50 years. Michelle is setting up a women's database for a future possible book. Michelle was thanked by Ellen Brasier.



Next Meeting.

On next Thursday, 3rd December (which is the International Day of People with Disability), we will have as our guest, Joel Jenkins, a Shine Award Nominee.



The Annual Rotary Shine Awards (normally a major item in our Club Calendar) recognises workers with a disability as well as the employers that support them. Unfortunately, this year, like many activities in 2020, the function had to be abandoned due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Please don't forget – if bringing along a partner or guest, please notify the Country Club for catering purposes (see instructions on page one).

DECEMBER IS ROTARY DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH: -

During the month of December, Rotary International invites us to focus on Disease Prevention and Treatment.

We are most fortunate in that we live in the country that we do – we have the expectation that good health care is our right. Yet some 400 million people in the world can't afford, or don't have access to, basic health care.

Disease results in misery, pain, and poverty for millions of people worldwide. That's why treating and preventing disease is so important to Rotarians. Rotary lead efforts both large and small; we set up temporary clinics, blood donation centres, and training facilities in underserved communities struggling with outbreaks and health care access and we design and build infrastructure that allows doctors, patients, and governments to work together.

Throughout the world, Rotary combats diseases such as malaria, HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, and polio. Prevention is important, which is why we also focus on health education and bringing people routine hearing, vision, and dental care.

Over the next couple of weeks, this journal will highlight some Rotary activities, somewhere the world, that help alleviate these massive problems (stay tuned).

WAGGA ROTARY CLUB HISTORY: -

An Extract from the pages of the Wagga Daily Advertiser – Tuesday 3rd October 1950 edition.

A FARM MACHINE THAT CAUSED A STIR IN CHINA

Why one type of modern agricultural machine proved a failure in China was one of the most interesting highlights of an address given yesterday at the weekly luncheon of Wagga Rotary Club.

The guest-speaker was Mr. John Hull, an American aeronautical engineer who, after service with the US Marine Corps in the Pacific war, served two years in China with UNNRA immediately after the war as a transport officer.

Mr Hull described how, as one of his tasks in the disrupted country, he was responsible for the assembly of agricultural machinery imported from the United States, Canada and Australia.

At one period, he had in his care 11 unassembled combines for harvesting rice.

SHRIEKS FROM CHINESE

One only was assembled as a demonstration machine, designed to convert the Chinese to modern harvesting methods. This was taken to a three acre farm owned by an elderly Chinese woman without family.

In the presence of numerous Chinese officials, pressmen and farmers, the machine was started on the rice crop, but when it had cut a swathe of about 100 yards, shrieks from the owner caused an immediate halt. Her first concern was that the machine had swallowed that part of the crop over which it had been driven, but had disgorged nothing at all as a result of its work. When it was explained that the machine took a little time to

produce the first of the bagged crop, temporarily she was satisfied. But then the woman pointed out that it left in its wake a few kernels of rice to each square foot of ground. That was no good to her, as by hand reaping she wasted not one grain of the precious crop. Mr. Hull and his fellow UNNRA officials conceded that the machine perhaps fell down a little on that one.

ANOTHER FAULT

Then she bewailed the fact that It scattered the stalks all over the field. As It was common practice to save the stalk, cut into uniform lengths for winter firewood, what good was the machine if she had to go over the field later anyway, to collect the stalks for that purpose?

Again Mr. Hull and his fellows conceded that this was a point no one had considered.

But after the demonstration, they did consider both points very seriously, and the upshot was that no more of the combines were assembled and no further attempts were made to convert the Chinese to modern rice-harvesting methods.

This incident was one of only a number used by Mr. Hull to describe the difference between the outlook of the China people and that of Western peoples.

THE 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK:



Lyndal & Elaine assist with the Fines Session.



Ellen thanks our speaker and presents the normal Polio-Plus certificate.



Joan Veerhuis collects the Door Prize.

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

- **6th December 2020** **Club Social Gatering - lunch at the Palm & Pawn Hotel.**
- **6th December 2020** **Clontarf Cricket Day - BBQ at at Bolton Park**
- **9th December 2020** **Clontarf Academy End-of-Year Awards function – Botanic Gardens**
- **10th 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).**

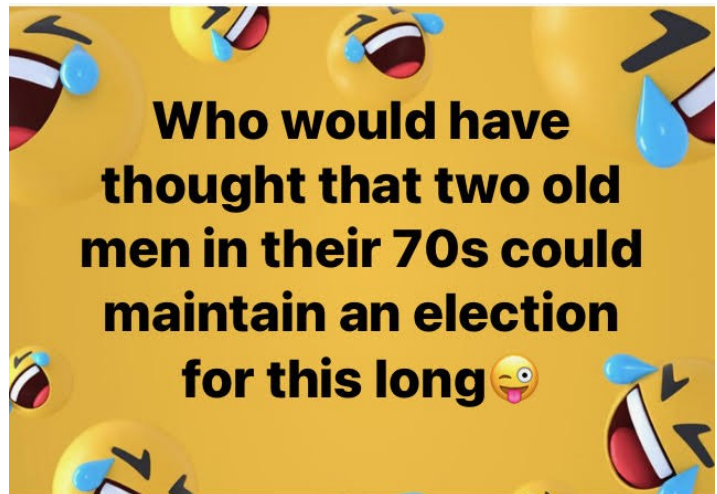
BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(29th Nov – 5th Dec)

- Birthdays:** Ruth Kennedy (4/12)
- Rotary Anniversaries:** Nil.
- Wedding Anniversaries:** Terry & Fran Mecham (3/12) and Don & Yvonne Pembleton (4/12)



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Isn't it ironic, the colours red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.