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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: 25

Thursday 9th January, 2020.

JANUARY IS ROTARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE 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 16 th January	Thursday 23 rd January	Thursday 30 th January
PROGRAMME:	Book Sorting Copland Street Shed.	TBA	TBA
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker	Karel Bijker Peter Murray	Karel Bijker Alf Barzen
GREETER:	Not Required	Mike Murray	Bruce Barber
SHORT & SWEET:	Not Required	Tony Hutchinson	Margaret Everett
FINES-MASTER:	Not Required	Alan Lean	Gordon Sagers
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Not Required	John Studdert	Graham Russell
VOTE OF THANKS:	Not Required	Philip Cross	Alan Lean
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Neil Hilpern	Ellen Brasier	Gerry Page

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: -

As we all know, there has been no Club Meetings since our Christmas Party last month. Consequently there is nothing to report.

DISTRICT BUSHFIRE RESPONSE: -

Members should have received an email message last week from our DG John McKenzie. The email details Rotary's proposed response to the recent bushfire disasters. In case you missed it, the message is repeated here in its entirety: -



"I am taking the opportunity to update you on what actions have/will be taken by D9700 in relation to the current Bush Fire situation (in conjunction with other Districts on the East coast of Australia).

As you are no doubt aware, the fires are still burning ferociously and may continue for some time to come. Conditions are apparently going to be worse this coming weekend.

It is clear that circumstances are changing regularly. This makes it difficult to assess where the immediate needs are.

However, with our DG counterparts we had a Zoom conference last night and we are discussing a coordinated approach, with a focus on recovery rather than direct intervention at present, where the agencies with best skills and experience are working

Traditionally, Rotary comes to the fore when we have a clear indication of people's/towns/villages needs. This will no doubt be the case with the current situation.

Some areas of focus in the near term:

- 1. Current DGs are liaising with RAWCS to determine what can be sourced from the recently set up RAWCS Disaster Fund. John McLaren from RAWCS is calling a RAWCS Board meeting next week and the Bush Fires are at the top of their Agenda. An update from RAWCS about this is below.*
- 2. I have been informed that each affected area has an Emergency Response Team with Red Cross/Salvos/Adventist Community Services resources. Government Departments will be dealing with the immediate needs. Rotary should be able to assist with financial or physical support for displaced families requiring temporary accommodation etc etc..... This should become clearer as events are under better control.*

I anticipate that Rotary Clubs, in the affected areas will develop, a clearer idea of who to deal with and what can be done to help.

This is all shaping up to be a long term issue. With this in mind, DGE Michael Moore envisages that continuing community support will need to be provided by the newly formed D9705 (July 2020). I think that this is a realistic assessment.

Authorities are saying that this is one of the worst disasters in living memory. Rotary will have a major part to play.

The information from RAWCS is as follows:

- The new "Rotary Bush-fires National Appeal" is a Rotary Australia Relief Fund [RARF] project 68/2019-20.
- Rotary Australia Relief Fund [RARF] is the RAWCS appeal fund, a DGR 2; it must distribute funds to a DGR 1 such as Rotary Australia Benevolent Fund [RABS].
- I suggest that in due course the DG's set up a RABS project "Rotary Bush-fires National Distribution Fund".

- It will be necessary for the DG's to organize an appeal committee with representatives from each District impacted by the bush-fires as soon as possible.
- Their role will be the distribution of the appeal funds to bushfire victims. The committee must decide
 - *How to respond to fire victims needs; RAWCS strongly recommends that the distribution committee use the "second response" approach [provision of infrastructure replacement], and establish appropriate criteria. [Allow the Salvos, Vinnies, Red Cross etc. to address immediate needs of fire victims, they are geared to do this, Rotary is not].*
 - How funds will be shared with the existing seven RABS bushfire projects as well as those areas not covered by RAWCS projects.
 - A process by which victims can seek support from the appeal funds.
 - Establishment of systems of corporate governance to ensure appeal funds only reach eligible victims, with appropriate documentation for future audit.

Once this committee has been convened and determined how funds will be distributed, the committee will open a RABS project "Rotary Bush-fires National Distribution Fund [RBNDF]".

Appeal funds will be transferred from RARF to RABS on request from RBNDF to fund bushfire victim payments.

I will keep you updated as developments occur".

JANUARY IS ROTARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH: -

Designated as Vocational Service Month, January offers a great opportunity to reflect on how the concept of vocational service is implemented in our club and district. You are invited to review Rotary's published objectives which encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise. In particular, the Rotary organisation seeks to encourage and foster: -



1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons, united in the ideal of service.

The above is a philosophical statement of Rotary's purpose and the responsibilities that Rotarians accept. The concept of vocational service is stated in the second object, which calls on Rotarians to encourage and foster:

- High ethical standards in business
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations
- The dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

As a Rotarian, how can you put these ideals into action? Consider these suggestions: -

- ◆ Practice your profession with integrity, and inspire others to behave ethically.
- ◆ Help young people achieve their career goals.
- ◆ Use your skills and expertise to serve a community.

By undertaking these activities, you bring vocational service to life. Vocational service is the essence of Rotary and serves as the foundation from which we serve our communities around the world.

NEXT MEETING: -

Our meeting next week is our first for 2020. It is to be held at our Book Sorting/Storage Facility located in Copland Street, East Wagga (Opposite the NSW Clay Target Association). We have a sizeable stock of books etc to sort for our annual Book Fair (which is now only **15 weeks** away). Our normal starting time applies, but the doors will be open from 6:00 PM.

As usual, our awe-inspiring and hard-working BBQ Team, under the direction of BBQ supremo Terry Mecham will cater for the occasion.



THIS WEEKS 'HAPPY SNAPS': -



The 'Snaps' this week were taken at the Multi-Cultural Christmas BBQ which was held at the Wagga Botanic Gardens on Saturday 14th December. Many thanks to our BBQ team (who prepared the food) and to Belinda Crain for coordinating the event and taking some of these photographs (more on her Face Book Page).

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



- ◆ **11-17th January 2020** **RYLA.**
- ◆ **8 – 9th Feb 2020** **District Membership Seminar in Young**
- ◆ **23rd Feb 2020** **Rotary Peace Ceremony**
- ◆ **4th March 2020** **Catering At Lilier Lodge.**
- ◆ **20-22nd March 2020** **Final D9700 Conference (Temora).**
- ◆ **2-3rd May 2020** **Wagga Rotary BOOK FAIR.**
- ◆ **3rd June 2020** **Catering At Lilier Lodge.**
- ◆ **6-10th June 2020** **Rotary International Convention – Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(19th Jan to 25th Jan)

Birthdays: Karel Bijker (24/1).

Rotary Anniversaries: Nil.

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil.



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Even under extremely trying circumstances, Aussie humour prevails.

