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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: 27

Thursday 23rd 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 30 th January	Thursday 6 th February	Thursday 13 th February
PROGRAMME:	Janine Mc Beath Work Experience Placements	Melanie Johnson Services NSW Support for Living Expenses.	Margaret Perrin Cambodian Children's Support Project
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker Alf Barzen	Karel Bijker Rajinder Singh	Karel Bijker Peter Murray
GREETER:	Bruce Barber	John Studdert	Mike Murray
SHORT & SWEET:	Margaret Everett	Alok Sharma	Tony Hutchinson
FINES-MASTER:	Gordon Saggars	Alan Lean	David Cannon
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Graham Russell	Graeme Callander	John Studdert
VOTE OF THANKS:	Alan Lean	Nepal Ghosh	Philip Cross
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Gerry Page	David Payne	Ellen Brasier

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 3:00 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: -

President David opened the meeting with a toast to Rotary & Australia and to our volunteer fire fighters, particularly to those who had lost their lives in the current operations. He also proposed a toast to Bill & Melinda Gates for the reasons that are explained later.


Attendance.

Only twenty-six members were in attendance – no visitors.

Apologies were recorded from Alf Barzen, Bruce Barber, David Canon, Elaine Almond, Gerry Page, Margaret Everett, Marion Moran, Mike Murray, Peter Veerhuis, Terry Mecham, Tony Hutchinson & Vicki Donoghue.

Administration Matters.

President David announced that: -

- A board Meeting is to be held at 8:00 PM following the dinner meeting.
- The club intended to go cashless tonight but this was postponed to next meeting. Nepal has organised the hardware- the software will follow.
- The **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** has announced its intention to extend its sponsorship of Polio-Plus – \$2 for every \$1 raised – to be capped at \$US150 million.
- The Membership Seminar proposed to be held at Young on the 8/ 9th March has been **CANCELLED**.
- A volunteer is still required to join the combined Wagga Rotary Clubs sub-committee considering the **Driver Training Simulator** purchase. Form a queue to the left!
- The **Wagga Peace Ceremony** is to be held on the 23rd February. 
- To support the regional **Bush Fire Appeal**, it was decided that we would schedule a weekend visit to either Batlow or Tumbarumba as a Club Activity. The date is to be advised.
- **District Conference**, the last for District 9700, is to be held on the weekend of the 22/23rd March. The website for **Temora Accommodation** is:- <http://www.temora.com.au/events>. It is most important that you mention that the accommodation is for the Rotary District Conference.
- We are BBQ-ing at **Liller Lodge** on the 4th March.
- **Centurion** – If you have not already done so and still wish to, the payment of \$100 can be still made – see Club Treasurer Nepal.
- A **Shine Awards Debriefing** meeting is to be held at the Country Club at 5:30 PM on Thursday, 6th February. All members of the **Vocational Committee** are asked to attend.
- Alok reported that he will be travelling to India on the 11th February. Members who may wish to attend the **Darkness to Light Eye Camp** on the 15/16th February should contact Alok for further details.



Short & Sweet.

Short and Sweet was introduced by Philip Cross who has been researching our Club history. He recently discovered some Bulletins from 1990/91, when Graham Russell was Club President. A segment titled “**How Well Do You Know Me?**” was published in the Bulletin each week – all members of that era participated. In an April edition, it was President Graham’s turn and a literary masterpiece of original Russell prose was published.



The poem was recited for us by Graeme Callander and is reproduced in its entirety in the ‘Kookaburra’ on the final page of this edition.

Apology Procedure – A Reiteration.

Sergeant **Graeme Callander** reported that the Country Club had received a message from one of our senior members last week stating that our Club 'would not be meeting at the Country Club again until mid February'. This was obviously not the case and, fortunately for us, the catering management sought confirmation. Had they not taken this initiative, we might have arrived at the Club with no room booked and no meal prepared. It appears that, contrary to 'Standing Orders' the Rotarian in question had spoken to a bar person – not the office staff. Members need to know that the **Country Club bar staff are not aware of our apology procedures**.

The preferred method of notifying any inability to attend a meeting, is to record the fact in the Apology Book which is normally located at the attendance table each week. If for any reason this is not possible the apology must be phoned through to **COUNTRY CLUB OFFICE** (during normal Office Hours) by 3:00 PM on the Wednesday prior to the meeting – the Country Club phone number is 6922 6444 (as shown on page one of this and every Club Bulletin).

Book Fair Preparation – Help Needed.

Never let us forget that the Annual Book Fair is one of the few, and in some years, the only, major fund-raising event in our Club Calendar! From the proceeds of this event, we support most of our charitable activities.



Each year, all members 'rally to the cause' in the first week of May; but we are also vaguely aware that there is a hive of activity occurring, behind the scene, for most other weeks of the year. There is the weekly (Tuesday) Book Sorting plus regular collection and transportation of book stock (from the local Salvo's, Elders and similar facilities – as well as occasional requests from donors for collection from their respective establishments). The collection/transport of stock was specifically addressed at our most recent meeting.

A 'hand-full' of dedicated members have been collecting and transporting stock to our Copland Street warehouse for some years now. The job is becoming a bit onerous for this dedicated few and some assistance is required. Unfortunately it is traditional that collections normally occur during working hours, as this fits in well with Elders (who graciously act as a receiving depot for donated books etc). These hours might preclude some members from offering their assistance as they have unavoidable work or other commitments. Are there any other members available to put in a few hours on this task? We are not seeking an enduring involvement but rather just to spread the load over a broader membership base.



To help achieve this, Lyndal Seymour has agreed to prepare a Club Roster – some names for the roster were taken at the meeting and any other members who might be available to

assist are requested to let Lyndal know ASAP; her contact details are: -

- **Email:** airbornegymnasticswagga@gmail.com
- **Mobile:** 0439 429 733

There are only fourteen weeks until the 2020 Book Fair; we have forty-five members. If every member was able to participate (which we know is not possible), we'd only have to volunteer one week each. Hopefully the available and able-bodied members who agree to including their names on this roster, might only be called upon to commit to a few hours, on a day or two, every few weeks. The Book Pick-Up Roster will be published in the Club Bulletin and the normal rules regarding finding a replacement if you are unable to attend apply.

Fines-Master Session.

Lyndal filled in for Alan Lean at short notice and caused a great deal of hilarity among the members as she challenged us with some strengthening exercises designed for the over 50's. Interestingly enough those under 50 also found them a little difficult.

The weekly raffle was won by Lyndal so she also contributed to the Club Coffers.

JANUARY IS ROTARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH: -

Did you know that the **Four-Way Test**, as reproduced in our masthead (see page 1.) is a test of the things we think, say or do. It is a test adopted by Rotarians world-wide as a moral code for personal and business relationships. The test was scripted by Herbert Taylor from Chicago as he set out to save a company from bankruptcy. It was subsequently adopted by the international Rotary organisation. Keep it in mind!

NEXT MEETING: -

The final Club meeting for January, will be held at the Wagga Wagga Country Club. Visitors are most welcome, as long as you remember to provide prior advice – along with any special/dietary requirements please, and in the format nominated – thus avoiding difficulties with the chef.



THE 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



Alok makes (yet another) point - to the delight of Rajinder



Vida demonstrates the left leg raising exercise - as directed by Fines-Master Lyndal

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

- ◆ 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: Nil.

Rotary Anniversaries: Nil.

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil.



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A JOB WELL DONE – by Graham Russell (circa 1991).

<p>Well how well do you know me Well, not very well, I guess You know I grew up in the bush And now live in town under stress</p> <p>But did you know I was born in Sydney And lived there until I was two It took that long to convince my parents That a boy needs a better view</p> <p>My father was a grocer Before he settled with mum and me On the hard baked black soil plains Just west of Bribbaree</p> <p>But I loved it there When I was a boy And grew up with a horse My favourite toy</p> <p>The tadpoles in the water holes The birds up in the air The Cypress Pines and country smells Gave me life without a care</p> <p>I enjoyed droving stock And could drive when I was ten But days on my horse Was what I lived for then</p> <p>With my horse and dogs And nature all around My days were filled with pleasure And in the stillness of the night I slept sound</p> <p>I remember what it was like Without electricity, telephone or road Our only vehicle was a truck and caught at the silo My father would sleep with the load</p> <p>I enjoyed high school at Yanco When I look back at it now But lessons were an interruption To a boy who just wanted to plough</p> <p>Although I did alright at school It's not a subject I dwell on There were more important things I wanted to do Like buy a farm and pull a big debt on</p> <p>I learnt about drought And too much rain Low wool prices And not enough grain</p> <p>It was during these times Of trouble and strife I met a beautiful girl And made her my wife</p>	<p>Together we worried And shared the battle We made good money from pigs And good money from cattle</p> <p>We even made money From Wool and wheat But eventually sold out And moved to Bavaria Street</p> <p>Artificial insemination brought me to Wagga I took the place of a bull I had a couple of other jobs But now I make money from wool</p> <p>Lyn and I have three children Of which we are very proud Wagga has been very good to us But I still don't like a crowd</p> <p>We head for the bush Whenever we can I've spent a lot of time in solitude But have never been a lonely man</p> <p>I enjoy country music And writing rubbish like this I've always been too busy for sport But it's not a thing that I miss</p> <p>I don't like people Who take other people down And the ones that whinge Make me frown</p> <p>I like spending time in our garden And I like my old HQ I like the comfort of air conditioning And I like Thursday nights with you</p> <p>I like happy people And those who can tell a good joke I deem my day a successful one If I've met a genuine fair dinkum bloke</p> <p>I don't like the crime That has crept into our life And after twenty two years ¹ I am still in love with my wife</p> <p>We are lucky in this country to have So many good things to share AH Too he say "Be content with what you have, You have happiness to spare"</p> <p>My life has been a good one And I feel contented now I am happy to live here in Wagga And I am glad that I don't have to plough</p>
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