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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: 29**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.**

**FEBRUARY IS ROTARY PEACE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION 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 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	Margaret Perrin PP Cambodian Children's Support Project.	BOOK SORTING.	Jesse Tenhave TAFE Leadership Award Recipient.
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Nepal Ghosh Peter Murray	Karel Bijker	Karel Bijker Marion Moran
<b>GREETER:</b>	Mike Murray	Not Required	Barry Francis
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	Tony Hutchinson	Not Required	Vicky Donoghue
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	Alan Lean	Not Required	David Wynne
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	John Studdert	Not Required	David Kennedy
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	Philip Cross	Not Required	Ellen Brasier
<b>BULLETIN REPORTER:</b>	Ellen Brasier	David Kennedy	Peter Veerhuis

**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 34 Members to our meeting at the Wagga Wagga Country Club. He extended a special welcome to our Guest Speaker Melanie Johnson, as well as to PDG Gary Roberts, while belatedly welcoming back member Peter Veerhuis.

Apologies received from Allan Duffus, Bryan Short, David Canon, Elaine Almond, Ellen Brasier, Margaret Everett, Peter Smart, Rob Sharkie & Vida Smart.

### Administration Matters.

As well as asking for a toast to Rotary and Australia, President David asked us to remember the victims of the recent coronavirus. He then raised several matters:

- Paul Galloway was looking at the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> March for our club's trip to **Tumbarumba** in support of the district after the bushfires – please 'block it out' in your diary – further particulars to follow..
- The "**Shine Awards**" were reviewed before our general meeting by the Vocational Committee. Alan Lean is looking for a new name for the function that will continue this year in November (on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>), to get away from the old idea of an awards night to what it has now become, a night of recognition of people with a disability and their employers in our community. Something like the "Rotary Shine Recognition Night"? Suggestions welcome.
- The **Rotary Peace Awards** will be held at the CSU Riverina Playhouse on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February commencing 11:00 AM. Our club has nominated Roslyn Steele, a retired teacher who has given many years of service to the Girl Guides movement.
- Alok Sharma is off to India next Tuesday for the **Darkness-2-Light** camp. We wish him well.
- The **Book Collection Roster** is working well.
- The **Raffle Winner** was Bruce Heydon.
- A 'bit of a stoush' appears to be developing between some clubs within **District 9700** and the committee tasked with merging D9700 with D9710. It has been proposed that the new district will be "D9705" and cover the ACT and south-eastern NSW. Some clubs want moneys controlled by the outgoing D9700 to be returned to the clubs on a "per member" basis, and not handed over to the new district. The amount involved is about \$50 per member (about \$2250 to our club). Apparently, by refusing to endorse the new name for the new district, the moneys could be used by clubs within the old D9700 district. The Board may have to consider the matter over next week before a possible vote at the PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar) weekends in Wagga and Goulburn later this month.

### Prospective New Members Night.

We need additional members! The meeting scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> March is to be a special night where prospective members are to be invited to come along and join us.

Those members present at the last meeting will recall a form being circulated seeking contact details of persons who might be invited to attend that evening. That form is reproduced at the end of this Bulletin. You are encouraged to review your contacts and provide a few names that can be contacted.

The completed form should be returned to President David ASAP so that the necessary planning can proceed.

### **Short & Sweet.**



Alok Sharma was in a philosophic frame of mind, as he talked about the way society's opinion-makers and the media in general are constantly bombarding us with bad news, and fuelling an atmosphere of negativity and doom. He rightly pointed out that the world is a wonderful place, and that Australia in particular is one of the luckiest and most beautiful countries on the planet. People are in general good, we pull together in times of crisis, and we should be more thankful and happy with our lot. Perhaps there is a need for "good news TV".

### **Fines-Master Session.**

David Cannon got out of the job this week by being on a plane somewhere between Canada and Australia (a Feeble excuse).

Mary Ann Kelly stepped up to the plate and demanded that members empty their wallets into the fines box, then ran a Heads and Tails session that was won by Peter Veerhuis.

### **Key-Note Speaker.**

Our speaker for the evening was Melanie Johnson from Services NSW, introduced by her father Graeme Callander.

Melanie gave an informative PowerPoint presentation about the assistance provided by the NSW State Government and its agencies to seniors and aged pensioners, under the "Cost of Living" program. There are 70 different rebates and savings available from 19+ government agencies.

Nepal Ghosh thanked our guest, and presented her with a certificate acknowledging her help in immunising children against polio.



## **DISTRICT 9700 CONFERENCE – 20/22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH: -**

Registrations for the 2020 District Conference scheduled to be held in Temora next month are now open.

The Conference page on the District 9700 website has information about the conference.

Registration can be completed online – click onto:

<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050099/en-ca/files/page/2020-district-conference-temora/2020-conference-registration-forms/FINAL-Conf-manual-Rego-form-V2401.pdf>

Alternatively, you can register manually using the printed registration form attached to the covering email supplying this Bulletin. The completed form and remittance should then be mailed to the address shown at the bottom of the form.

## **ROTARY DISTRICT BUSHFIRE SUPPORT: -**

Districts 9700 and 9710 have formed a joint Bushfire Recovery Committee.

Attached to this Bulletin is a newsletter from DG John McKenzie. The newsletter succinctly explains the District response and proposed course of action. It is circulated to all members at the request of newly formed Committee.

## FEBRUARY IS ROTARY PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH: -

The Path of Hope Foundation, a joint venture between the Salvation Army and the Rotary Club of Perth, WA, provides safe accommodations for those fleeing family violence. Members of the Perth club raise funds and volunteer at the centre.

“We’re hopeful that Path of Hope can become a model for Rotary clubs and Salvation Army centres around the world to adopt,” says club member Graham Peden. “It’s already achieved a great deal through improving the lives of victims of domestic violence in Western Australia.”

On the local front, don’t forget the **Wagga Peace Ceremony** on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.



## NEXT MEETING: -

Next week our Key-Note Speaker is Marg Perrin PP. Marg was President of the Rotary Club of Coolamon during 2011-2012. She has been involved in a number of projects in South East Asia and she will elaborate on one particular project that involves support for children, and is ongoing in Cambodia. It promises to be a very interesting presentation – and one not to be missed!

The venue is once again the Wagga Country Club and times are as published on page one of this Bulletin.

This could well be an opportunity for potential members to hear a bit about the international assistance that Rotary initiates- if inviting guests, please don’t forget to advise numbers for catering (call the Country Club Office prior to 2:30 PM on Wednesday).

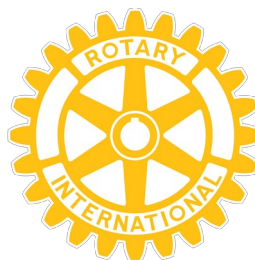
## THE ‘HAPPY SNAPS’ FROM THIS WEEK: -



*Heads I win - tails you loose.*



*Come in spinner!*





## BOOK FAIR COLLECTIONS ROSTER: -

For this week, the draw is as follows: -

Date	Time	Location	Participants
Tues 11/2	12:30 PM	Elders – Kincaid St	John Heazlewood & Lyndal Seymour.
Wed 12/2	11:00 AM	Elders – Kincaid St	Alan Lean & Graeme Callander.
Thur 13/2	11:00 AM	Salvos – Forsyth St	Graham Russell, Rajinder Singh & John Heazlewood.
Fri 14/2	TBA	Elders – Kincaid St	Bruce Barber.

For the week commencing commencing 17<sup>th</sup> February, the draw is as follows: -

Date	Time	Location	Participants
Tue 18/2	12:30 PM	Elders – Kincaid St	John Heazlewood & Bryan Short.
Wed 19/2	11:00 AM	Elders – Kincaid St	Alan Lean & Graeme Callander.
Thu 20/2	11:00 AM	Salvos – Forsyth St	Graham Russell, David Friedlieb & Vida Smart.
Fri 21/2	TBA	Elders – Kincaid St	Bruce Barber.



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

- ◆ **8 – 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020**                      **District Membership Seminar in Young**
- ◆ **23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2020**                         **Rotary Peace Ceremony**
- ◆ **29<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020**                         **Proposed Club weekend in Tumbarumba.**
- ◆ **4<sup>th</sup> March 2020**                         **Catering At Lilier Lodge.**
- ◆ **20-22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**                 **Final D9700 Conference (Temora).**
- ◆ **28<sup>th</sup> March**                               **Wollundry Rotary's Food & Wine Festival.**
- ◆ **2-3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020**                         **Wagga Rotary BOOK FAIR.**
- ◆ **3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020**                         **Catering At Lilier Lodge.**
- ◆ **6-10<sup>th</sup> June 2020**                       **Rotary International Convention – Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.**



**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -**

(16<sup>th</sup> Feb to 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb)

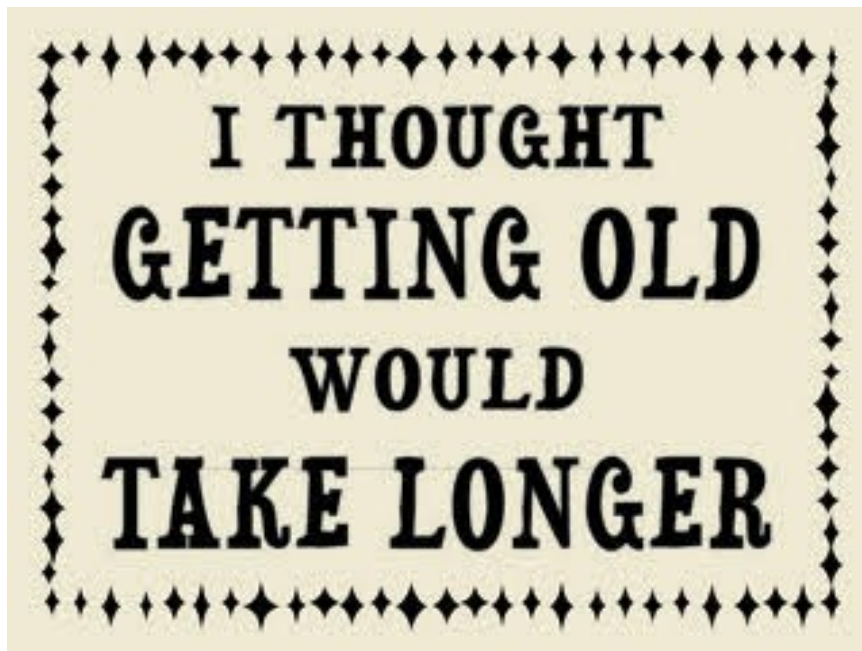
**Birthdays:** **Merryl Cross** (18/02), **Sally Short** (19/02), **Joan Veerhuis** (19/02), **Dipa Ghosh** (20/02), **Alok Sharma** (20/02) & **Barry Francis** (21/02)

**Rotary Anniversaries:** **David Cannon** (21/02/91) & **Peter Murray** (21/02/19) + (Gundagai 72/93)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Nil.



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# **NEWSLETTER # 1 - (5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020)**

## **Joint District Bushfire Recovery Committee**

### **D9700 – D9710 – (D9705)**

DG Peter Ford (9710) in consultation with DG John McKenzie (9700) formed a joint District Bushfire Recovery Committee to support Clubs and their Communities within our Districts that have suffered catastrophic bushfires over the last couple of months.

The Committee consists of: -

- PDG Phil Armstrong (Chair – 9710),
- PP John Mercer (Secretary – 9710),
- Members: PP Chris Finkle (9700)    PP Ken Engsmyr (9700)    PP Fred Fawke (9710).

This first newsletter will bring you up to speed but information changes rapidly with the fires still raging and new areas being affected. If there are omissions or information is out of date please advise the Committee.

At this stage the communities of following Clubs are directly affected by the fires:-

Batemans Bay	Moruya
Narooma	Batlow
Tumbarumba	Tumut
Bombala	Cooma
Bega	Merimbula
Pambula	Milton-Ulladulla
Sussex Inlet	Bomaderry
Nowra	Bungendore

We are not sure about the Southern Highlands Clubs status. The impact of the ACT fires and which Clubs are effected is fluid but Canberra has variable air quality.

It is understood that BlazeAid camps are at Cobargo, Adelong, Braidwood and Milton. Moruya is also expected to have a camp. BlazeAid set up camps following disasters such as fires or floods to assist with the reconstruction of farm fencing. There are thousands of kilometres of fencing destroyed.

#### Donations:

There is a Rotary National fundraising appeal through Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS). It is attracting funds from overseas as well as Australia. As at 30 January the total exceeded \$700K and rising. There is a Committee of District Governors or their delegates that are finalising the process and focus on where and how best to utilise these funds. They are hoping to leverage these funds into Foundation Global Grants. We will keep you informed of progress.

Other Clubs and clusters of Clubs have set up a Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS) Account with RAWCS that target donations to particular communities managed locally. D9705 (9700.9710) is currently in the process of setting up a District RABS Account. We will keep you informed.

What is on offer:

**NOTE – It is important to first check what a particular community needs before delivering product that they cannot store or distribute. If you know of a community that needs specific requirements or you want to offer products then please contact the Committee.**

In-kind offers made so far are limited but include: -

- Pallets of adult and children's clothes and shoes, nappies, linen and baby formula. offered as well as things such as this delivered without first checking that is what that particular community needs! As such there are things such as these "stored" until an appropriate recipient can be found. If you know of a community that needs these types of things then please contact the Committee.
- Solar light/power boxes for people with no access to power.
- Pallet of P2 face masks.

As with most natural disasters, Australians are very generous with their donations and support with goods. Unfortunately sometimes goods are donated and forwarded without knowing the community's needs!

We are encouraging Clubs not directly affected by the fires to "twin" with fire impacted area Clubs. This worked well with Clubs twinning with drought effected area Clubs. It creates a direct line to a Club or Cluster of Clubs and its Communities. They know the need which you can support financially or in-kind.

How can you help affected communities besides financial and in-kind support?:

As was done with drought affected areas – visiting an affected area and spending your money locally can be of great benefit. The South Coasts busiest time of the year is January School Holidays. Between bushfires and road closures, holidays have been disrupted. Many local businesses are struggling and a visit would be beneficial. Plan a weekend away or have a joint meeting with a fire-affected Club. Please promote to fellow Rotarians, friends and family, some of the events that will help these local economies.

- "Empty Esky" run to the South Coast. Details are on the Facebook page "Escarpade Catch up 2020". They plan on coming down to Conjola for a couple of nights and doing a day run down to Mogo – spending their money at local businesses.
- The RVFR are planning a South Coast Bush Fires Town Muster. While the name states "South Coast" they plan to go through into Victoria and then come back through Omeo and Cooma. Once again it is a group of Rotarians in Caravans and Mobile Homes spending 30 days on the road in bush fire ravaged areas – spending their money and supporting local businesses. For further information contact Phil Armstrong.

In Summary:

These fires have been devastating and it will be a long road to recovery. Who better to be involved in the recovery than Rotarians and Rotary Clubs. We are not normally "first responders – we are here for the long haul to do what we do best – make a difference in our local communities. All Members of the Committee would welcome contact I am sure but first call could be: -

Phil Armstrong     [philaarmstrong@gmail.com](mailto:philaarmstrong@gmail.com) or 0418259963

John Mercer         [john.mercer47@gmail.com](mailto:john.mercer47@gmail.com) or 0474792217

**Please keep us informed of what you and your Club is up to in relation to the bushfire recovery or contact us if you think that we can assist with guidance or support.**



