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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: 30**

**Thursday 13<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 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	<b>BOOK SORTING.</b>	Jesse Tenhave TAFE Leadership Award Recipient.	<b>SOCIAL NIGHT</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Karel Bijker	Karel Bijker Marion Moran	Karel Bijker Lyndal Seymour
<b>GREETER:</b>	Not Required	Barry Francis	John Heazlewood
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	Not Required	Vicky Donoghue	Bryan Short
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	Not Required	David Wynne	Paul Galloway
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	Not Required	David Kennedy	Elaine Almond
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	Not Required	Ellen Brasier	Allan Duffus
<b>BULLETIN REPORTER:</b>	David Kennedy	Peter Veerhuis	Bryan Short

**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 members and guests including PDG Garry Roberts, Visiting Rotarian PP Garth Perkin (Coolamon) and our Guest Speaker PP Margaret Perkin. He also welcomed Peter Veerhuis' guests, Joan Veerhuis and Peter Lyons.

Apologies recorded from Alf Barzen, Alok Sharma, Bill Prest, Bryan Short, Gerry Page, Karel Bijker, Mike Murray & Neil Hilpern.

### Administration Matters.

**President David** began with the Invocation followed by a toast to Rotary Australia and all those impacted by the Corona Virus. The following administration were discussed: -

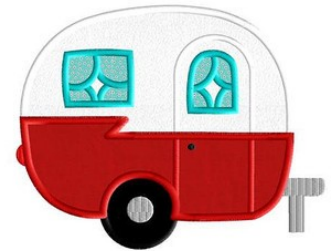
- ◆ The **Wagga Rotary Presidents** met last Tuesday and David summarised the matters discussed:-
  1. **A new Coordinator for RYDA** is being sought as Max Chapman has announced his retirement. RYDA is being held this year, at the Wagga Show Ground, from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> March.
  2. **Driver Simulator Group** – we are awaiting the outcome; expected by June.
  3. **Real Schoolies** - Five Wagga students have expressed interest in being part of this program.
  4. **Dream Cricket:** Murray Patterson and Mary Brell from Orange gave a presentation and they are keen to revive this program. Rotary Club of South Wagga will co-ordinate the program this year.
  5. **Wollundry Club** have an exchange student, Sofie from Brazil
  6. **A Video**, promoting the various activities of the Wagga based Clubs is being produced.
- ◆ **Darkness to Light:** Alok is at present in India with this project.
- ◆ **Bushfire Support:-**
  - The proposed Club visit to Tumbarumba has been deferred for five or six weeks. Further information to follow.
  - Terry Mecham confirmed BBQ for Tumbarumba 7<sup>th</sup> March.
- ◆ **Peace Ceremony** – This is to be held at the Playhouse on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February. We are all encouraged to attend. Numbers for catering to Pres. David as soon as possible please. 
- ◆ **SBS Struggle Street** – Nangus Family – There is to be a gathering of Rotarians at the Nangus property on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February at 4:00pm. Noel Trevaskis and other members from Bega will also be in attendance. President David is asking for a volunteer to represent him.
- ◆ **Graham Russell: Book Fair:** -
  1. Thank you to Lyndal and all who have volunteered.
  2. Pick up from two main areas-The Salvation Army and Elders.
  3. Contact Lyndal when you are unavailable – she has the back up list for Tuesdays and Thursdays
  4. Further discussions to be held at next week's Book-Sorting meeting.
- ◆ **District Mergers** – Our Board has decided to support the D9700/ D9705 merger resolutions. President David has stated that It can be expected that the incoming District Governor will make a full disclosures on monetary matters and provide an itemised budget.

## ◆ Membership Evening (12<sup>th</sup> March).

- Members are requested to complete sheets with names of prospective invitees (see last week's Bulletin) and forward the completed sheet to Pres. David.
- The Membership Committee is requested to meet during next week's meeting, to organise the night.

### Short & Sweet.

Tony Hutchinson related his experience while camping with five couples on Australia Day. After a visit to Altina Zoo and a return to Griffith for a typical Australian Lunch they decided it was time for a siesta. He was rudely awakened by a shaking of his van. The others in the party also noticed this and thought immediately of an earthquake or tremor. At Happy Hour when this was being discussed they noted a rather sheepish grin on the face of one Engineer who came from South Africa. He had decided that it was party time and had gone around and shaken all five vans. Guess who!



### Fines-Master Session.

Alan Lean ably extracted our change with his amusing jokes based upon religion.

He told us of a teacher who said that the whale has a very small throat... A little girl responded, that can't be right because a whale swallowed Jonah and when she got to heaven she would ask him. She then stated that when the teacher got to hell she could ask him.

### Key-Note Speaker.

Mary Ann introduced Margaret Perkin, our guest speaker. As stated above, Margaret is a Past President of the Coolamon Rotary Club and had travelled to India with Wagga Rotarians, including Mary Ann, on one of the Darkness to Light trips.



Margaret's more recent travels are to Cambodia, with the Help Cambodia Team (HCT) and she presented a very informative Power Point which illustrated HCT's main activities including the Education Centre, Literacy, Equivalency, English, Traditional Dance Kindergarten and Family Support. However, the main goal of the trip was to assist students with English as a second language.

The HCT has raised \$28,000 to assist with the building of the Education Centre which now caters for 200 preschoolers.

One of Margaret's favoured activities was the planting of seedlings. HCT had taken Woolworth's seed boxes so that the children could observe the growth of the plants and then enjoy the vegetables that they produced. HCT also took suitcases full of school supplies including some books selected from our Book Fair donations.

The children displayed a great love for old fashioned ball games such as Tunnel Ball and Captain Ball and further donations of ball is planned. They also enjoy colouring in.

She informed us that the funds that Wagga Rotary Club donated were used mainly to buy back packs for the children. They were very much appreciated.

Margaret also informed us that the Wagga branch of HCT is holding a fund-raising Movie Premier Night in early April. The movie will be the new James Bond Film. We will be informed of the details so that we can provide still further support for this worthwhile project.

**Philip Cross** thanked Margaret on our behalf and presented her with a certificate confirming that we will immunise 10 children against polio in gratitude for her presentation.

## INSURANCE: -

Renewal of the District Insurance Program (including Liability Insurance for our Club) is currently being negotiated. We are required to enquire of each member **'Are you aware of any circumstances or incident which you have reason to suppose might afford grounds for any claim against the District or an individual Club'**. Any such incident/s must be reported to **District Insurance Officer PP Sam Catanzariti** ASAP and definitely no later than 30th June 2020.

If you have any questions please contact Sam directly (Mob: 0412 691 717).

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

Continuing on with the Rotary Monthly theme, this week we review the story of the Key-Note Speaker at the 2016 Rotary International Convention (South Korea).

Rosemary Anne (Rosie) Batty AO, became a domestic violence campaigner in 2014 following an unfortunate incident where her 11-year-old son, Luke, was murdered by his father. Rosie had endured an 'on again-off again' abusive relationship, since 1992 with Greg Anderson. The relationship culminated with him murdering their son in Melbourne, at cricket practice, in February 2014. Anderson died as a result of self-inflicted knife wounds and police gunfire later that day.



Rosie has spoken about a lack of communication between services, about public perceptions of domestic violence, about a lack of funding, and about police and legal procedures that she felt disempowered her ability to protect herself and her son. She established the Luke Batty Foundation to assist women and children affected by domestic violence.

For her efforts, Rosie was awarded the Pride of Australia's National Courage Medal and the 2015 Australian of the Year.

## REMINDER – D9700 FINAL CONFERENCE: -

The last District 9700 Conference is being held in Temora on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March through to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**.

President David encourages as many members as is possible to attend.

## NEXT MEETING: -

Our next meeting sees us working our way through the donations of books and other saleable items for the Book Fair. The **Book Sorting Facility** will be open by 6:00 PM and the evening will conclude with the normal incredible meal – prepared by our illustrious BBQ Team.

Remember there is now only two months until the Book Fair weekend.

## ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE (RYE): -

Sue Gordon (Secretary of D9700 RYE Committee) advises that applications are now open for this year. Successful applicants will depart in January 2021 under the banner of the new District 9705. If you know of any young people who may be interested they should be directed to the following link: -

<https://www.rotaryexchange.org.au/assets/files/yep-initial-application.pdf>

District interviews and selection will be held in Canberra over the weekend June 12/13 2020.

## THE 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



SUCH A FINE VINTAGE – TERRY COLLECTS THE LUCKY DOOR PRIZE.



TONY RELATES THE STORY OF THE 'EARTH MOVING FOR HIM' ON A RECENT CARAVAN TRIP WITH FELLOW MEMBERS.



MARY ANN INTRODUCED PP MARGARET PERKIN, OUR KEY-NOTE SPEAKER.



PHILIP CROSS MOVES THE VOTE OF THANKS.

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

- ◆ 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2020 Rotary Peace Ceremony
- ◆ 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Catering At Lilier Lodge.
- ◆ 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Tumbarumba BBQ.
- ◆ 17-20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 RYDA – Wagga Show-Ground.
- ◆ 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: -**

(23<sup>rd</sup> Feb to 29<sup>th</sup> Feb)

**Birthdays:** Mike Murray (26/2).

**Rotary Anniversaries:** Nil.

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Nil.



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