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<p>RI President: Holger Knaack</p> <p>Dist. Gov 9705: Michael Moore</p> <p>Area Three Gov: Martin Brown</p> <p>Club President: David Payne</p> <p>Club Secretary: Ellen Brasier</p>		<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: 31.

Thursday 18th February, 2021.

FEBRUARY IS ROTARY PEACE & CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH.

Club meets at the WAGGA WAGGA COUNTRY CLUB, **6:00 PM for 6.30 PM** (unless stated below).

Duty Roster Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot fulfil your rostered duty & inform our Bulletin Reporter.:-

Date:	Thursday 25 th Feb.	Thursday 4 th March.	Thursday 11 th March.
PROGRAMME:	Deirdre Greenhalgh & Maria Anderson Tumba Fires – 1 year on.	Jeff Edwards & Team from Wagga Fire Brigade	Ron & Cath Frew Tumba Rail Trail
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker Bryan Short	Karel Bijker Nepal Ghosh	Karel Bijker Howard Mendel
SHORT & SWEET:	David Kennedy	Peter Smart	Margaret Everett
FINES-MASTER:	Paul Galloway	Bruce Heydon	John Heazlewood
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	David Cannon	Peter Veerhuis	Tony Hutchinson
VOTE OF THANKS:	Alan Lean	Paul Galloway	Mary Ann Kelly
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Ellen Brasier	Gerry Page	Vicky Donoghue
	Board Meeting	Nil	Nil

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 same 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.

John Killalea of the Wagga Men's Shed welcomed us all to their excellent facility once again and provided the necessary emergency information (which, fortunately wasn't required). We had twenty eight members in attendance, plus Fran Mecham (guest of Terry). Fourteen apologies had been recorded as at the Wednesday afternoon cut-off.

Administration Matters.

President David addressed the following matters: -

- He spoke of the emails that he had forwarded to each member earlier in the day; they covered: -
 - Murrumbidgee Rotary Club's "**Hats Off for Mental Health Trivia Night**" at the RSL Club tomorrow night, Friday 19th February at 6:30 PM. A number of members agreed to accompany David & Fran.
 - The meeting with DG Michael Moore and Dist Treasurer Rosemary Everett scheduled to occur at Romano's Hotel on **2nd March at 6:00 PM**. David requested a strong attendance and requested that members review the relevant documents so that they might participate in the meeting in a meaningful way
- The **Coolamon Rotary Club's** 50th anniversary dinner. A number of members indicated that they would attend. Those members are requested to confirm same with David so that he can coordinate transport and acceptances.
- The Annual **Science and Technology Challenge** is to happen over the weekend 3/4th March. Additional information will be provided next week.
- Those planning to attend the **Polio-Plus movie** afternoon (7th March) are requested to contact Elaine (who was a late apology this week due to illness).
- Peter Veerhuis has coordinated the Key-Note speaker/s for our meeting on the 4th March – four members of the City Fire Brigade will be in attendance along with a fire truck which will be on standby adjacent to the entrance to the Country Club (we might offer a ride around the car park in the fire truck in lieu of the wine as a door prize). Peter also recited the story of the Texas Great, Great Grandmother (see Kookaburra).

Short & Sweet.

David Wynne was the Short & Sweet presenter – and you couldn't find a better candidate as he is both short and (well sorta) sweet.

He related a series of tales starting with some humours advice on a COVID lockdown and concluding with some nursery rhymes, in versions that you are unlikely to have heard previously; such as: -

Mary had a little lamb
It ran into an electric pylon
10,000 volts when up it's bum
And turned its wool to nylon

Fines-Master Session.

Ellen Brasier proceeded to empty our change purses after explaining her dread of being rostered onto fine sessions. She fined all who had celebrated birthdays over the past twelve months, then proceeded to fine any member who either didn't participate in, or didn't receive a Valentines Day gift/card.

Then to 'rub in the salt' she launched into a Riverina Trivia quiz – it's in amazing what we don't know about the region in which we live.

After causing all members in attendance financial ruin, it should be likely that Ellen will be excused from future sessions (or will she!!!).

Hatches, Matches and Despatches.

- Many of our longer-serving members will remember fondly Brian Finch who retired to the South Coast with wife Nancy some decades ago. It was whilst on holidays that Gerry Page noticed Brian's death notice in the Sydney Morning Herald. He passed away on 9th February, aged 93. He is survived by Nancy and family.
- Gary Roberts was required to excuse himself from our meeting straight after desert to attend the Wagga Base Hospital and meet his brand new grand son. Congratulations.

Key-Note Speaker



Whilst no formal Key-Note speaker had been engaged for this meeting, Men's Shed President Tony Mason provided us with a summary of activities and projects undertaken by the Men's Shed over the past year – and also outlined their plans for future development (they have outgrown the existing facility).

Currently there are 146 active members enjoying the fellowship offered by this outstanding organisation. They are involved in wide-ranging activities, with the more popular areas being wood work and metal work where they undertake mostly tasks that are rejected by local trades people as being unprofitable. One specific trade that was highlighted is lead-lighting. A member, with no previous experience in this area has turned out to be a real artist and two examples of his work were displayed.

Members may recall, that Shed project was launched in 2008 and Rick Priest was president. Tony is currently serving his second term as Men's Shed president having replaced long-serving president Peter Quinine who has now 'risen through the ranks' to become Zone Representative and sits on the national headquarters based in Newcastle.

The Men's Shed team were thanked by Graeme Callander who commended them all on the excellent quality of the meals provided.

FEBRUARY IS ROTARY PEACE & CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH: -



Throughout the world, conflict and violence displace millions of people each year. The vast majority (estimated 90%) are civilians and half of those killed in conflict are reported to be children. Rotary is committed to making a difference in our local communities and internationally. Refuse to accept conflict as a way of life.

Rotary has an outstanding record of achievement and is constantly looking to expand its activities by adding new community projects. Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts.

Through our service projects, peace fellowships, and scholarships, Rotarians take action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Through academic training, study, and practice the Rotary Peace Centres program develops leaders who become catalysts for peace and conflict prevention and resolution in their communities and around the globe. Graduates of the program are reintegrating refugees in Sudan, creating jobs for disadvantaged women in India, and supporting reconstruction in devastated regions of the world.

Do you want to make a positive contribution to society but don't know where to start? Check out the **Rotary Action Group** website: -

<https://rotaryactiongroupforpeace.org/>



POLIO PLUS – MOVIE AFTERNOON: -

Final reminder!

The combined Wagga Rotary Clubs movie afternoon is Sunday 7th March at the Forum 6 Cinema complex (commences 2:30 PM). Ticket only \$20 per person – available from Elaine (numbers are limited – order yours now).

DISTRICT 9705 CONFERENCE: -

The Conference program includes high-profile speakers such as Dr Robert Booy (Epidemiologist), Commissioner Shane FitzSimmons and former Senator Fiona Nash (to mention just a few).

Registrations must be limited (due to COVID) – get in now, or risk missing this exciting event. Please click on the following link to go to the Conference Website for detailed information, program and registration: -

<https://rotary9705.org.au/page/2021-district-conference-bathurst>

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH: -



PDG John Egan reports that the latest Facts Book from Australian Rotary Health is now available to all. Follow this link for your copy: -

<https://mailchi.mp/australianrotaryhealth/your-latest-news-from-australian-rotary-health-2097062>

John reports that it shows exactly what ARH does and “is the ‘jewel’ of Australian Rotary”.

NEXT MEETING: -

The meeting next week sees us return to our ‘home’ at the Country Club where we will host Maria Anderson and Deirdre Greenhalgh from the Tumbarumba district. They will provide an update on the fire recovery progress to-date. Those members who were able to attend the BBQ last year following the disastrous fires may remember these ladies.

Deirdre’s and her husband’s property at Ournie was destroyed by the fires (the second major fire they have encountered). In addition, Deirdre has been canvassing government funds to rebuild the Ournie Hall which was burnt to the ground. No doubt some interesting stories there!

Just remember, guests are welcome – but please advise numbers for catering.

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

- ◆ **1st March 2021** **Coolamon Rotary Club Dinner**
- ◆ **2nd March 2021** **Meeting with Dist. Gov & Treasurer at Romano’s**
- ◆ **7th March 2021** **Polio-Plus Fundraising Movie Afternoon – ‘Nomadland’.**
- ◆ **19/21 March 2021** **District 9705 Conference (Bathurst).**
- ◆ **26/28 March 2021** **Rotary Centenary Peace Dinner & Peace Walk (Canberra).**
- ◆ **15/16 May 2021** **Wagga Rotary Club Book Fair (note changed date!)**
- ◆ **12/16 June 2021** **Rotary International Conference (Taipei).**

THE 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



Peter Veerhuis relates the tale of the Great, Great Grandmother (see Kookaburra)



Short & (somewhat) Sweet David kept us entertained with his humour.



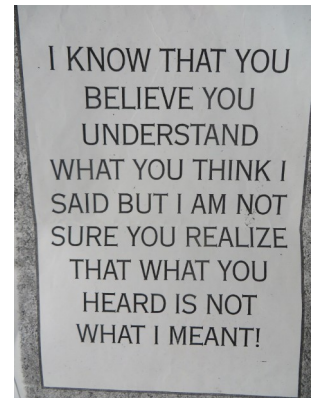
Ellen extracts the last of our small change.



Tony Mason explains the workings of the Wagga Men's Shed.



The impressive display of Lead-Lighting.



*A Thought for the day!
Copied from The Men's Shed Notice Board.*

OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, 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.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(21st Feb – 27th Feb)

- Birthdays:** Mike Murray (26/2)
- Rotary Anniversaries:** Peter Murray (21/2/19) + Gundagai (1972-93), David Cannon (21/2/91) & Rob Sharkie (21/2/91) + Lindfield (1975-91)
- Wedding Anniversaries:** Phil & Ruth Jackson (23/2).



≈ *KOOKABURRA* ≈



PETER VEERHUIS' GREAT, GREAT GRANDMOTHER STORY: -

AN OLD, TOUGH CATTLE FARMER FROM TEXAS, IN QLD, ONCE TOLD A YOUNG, FEMALE NEIGHBOUR - THAT IF SHE WANTED TO LIVE A **LONG LIFE**, THE SECRET WAS TO SPRINKLE A **PINCH OF GUNPOWDER** ON HER OATMEAL EACH MORNING.

SHE DID THIS **RELIGIOUSLY**, AND LIVED TO THE RIPE OLD AGE OF **103!**

SHE LEFT BEHIND **14** CHILDREN, **30** GRANDCHILDREN, **21** GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, **5** GREAT, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND A **40 FOOT HOLE IN THE GROUND** WHERE THE **CREMATORIUM** USED TO BE!

Never sing in the shower! Singing leads to dancing, dancing leads to slipping, and slipping leads to paramedics seeing you naked.

So rememberer don't sing...