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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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Thursday 25th 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 4 th March.	Thursday 11 th March.	Thursday 18 th March.
PROGRAMME:	Jeff Edwards & team from NSWFB	Ron & Cath Frew Tumbarumba Rail Trail	Club Social BBQ Lake Albert Foreshores
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker Nepal Ghosh	Karel Bijker Howard Mendel	Karel Bijker
SHORT & SWEET:	Peter Smart	Margaret Everett	Paul Galloway
FINES-MASTER:	Bruce Heydon	John Heazlewood	Paul Galloway
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Peter Veerhuis	Tony Hutchinson	Not Required
VOTE OF THANKS:	Paul Galloway	Mary Ann Kelly	Not Required
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Gerry Page	Vicky Donoghue	Vida Smart
	Nil.	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: -

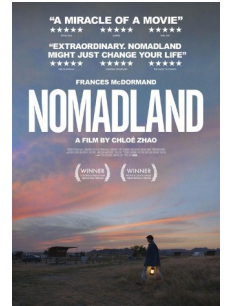
Attendance.

President David warmly welcomed thirty seven members plus our guest speakers Maria Anderson & Deidre Greenhalgh. He also welcomed Ken Sargeant (guest of Don Pemberton).

There were eight apologies recorded.

Administration Matters.

- The **Polio Plus Movie** for this year is “**Nomadland**” and it is screening at the Wagga Forum Six Cinema at 2:30 PM on Sunday, 7th March. Tickets are still available from Elaine Almond at a cost of \$20-00 each. Your final opportunity to purchase tickets is next Club meeting – otherwise you need to make contact with Elaine (Mob: 0406 078 091). President David urged all to attend but those unable to do so may choose to make a donation to Polio Plus. All donations are gratefully accepted.
- Graeme Callander reported that **Alf Barzen** will be back with us as soon as he can. He still has a few more weeks of treatment pending.
- Graham Russell informed us that there will be **No Book Sorting** next week (Tuesday 2nd).
- **Coolamon Rotary Club Anniversary** dinner – We have nine people from our club planning to attend.
- **Meeting with DG Michael Moore**. President David encouraged as many members as possible to attend this meeting – to be held at Romano’s Hotel on Tuesday 2nd March, commencing at 6:00 PM. He stated that the issues for discussion have been raised by David Pike (Wollundry RC) & David Friedlieb some time back - he is confident that the meeting will be a positive one.
- **Clontarf Academy** – Vida Smart informed us that, after a year off due to Covid, the BBQ Breakfasts have now resumed. Members who have the available time are encouraged to join the lads for breakfast and a chat on Friday mornings (8:00 AM). Alan Lean and Lyndal Seymour will be attending this week.
- **District 9705 Conference** being held at Bathurst on 20/21st March – just three weeks away. You can book for the conference by going to the District 9705 Website (<https://rotary9705.org.au/>) - Please note that bookings must close at 6:00 PM on Thursday, 11th March.



Short & Sweet.



David Kennedy reminisced on his time with the Riverina Jazz Band in the 60's and the band's association with the beginnings of the Snowy Mountains Scheme - which was under construction between 1949 and 1967 (thus taking some twenty five years to complete). During that time some 1,600 kilometres of roads and tracks were constructed, seven townships and over 100 camps were built to enable the construction of the sixteen major dams, seven hydro-electric power stations, 145 Kilometers of tunnels and 80 kilometres of pipelines and aqua-ducts with just 2% of this visible above the ground.

In 1967 the Jazz Band was asked to perform at Island Bend. After a major effort to get piano (essential for performance at that time) the band played from 10:00 PM until 6:00 AM the following morning. David claims that that was the longest night he ever endured playing Jazz.

Fines-Master Session.

Paul Galloway proceeded to extricate our coins and after fining Margaret Keys for winning the raffle he continued by bamboozling us with Spoonerisms and Walapropisms. Here are a few examples: -

- Sryan Bhort studied to become an evil engineer
- Hairy Ann was last seen lurking in a nate light shift
- Gordon Saggars and Don Pembleton were seen over the weekend out and about in their new sports bras.

He signed off by saying "Thanks I'll be off as quick as a Nide's Brighty."

Key-Note Speaker

David Cannon introduced our Key-Note speakers, Maria Anderson & Deirdre Greenhalgh, both of whom he had met at the BBQ that our Club co-ordinated in Tumbarumba last year, following the disastrous bushfires.

Maria commenced her talk by thanking those who took part in the BBQ. She stated that our Club took a great deal of the pressure off the Tumbarumba residents by affording them the time to just sit and chat - time that they had not previously had.

She stated that the position that the people of the area were at was varied and very personal - some had rebuilt and were moving on. Some were in the process of doing this and others simply don't know where to start!

The good that came out of this disaster was that people pulled together making donations and helping where possible as Tumbarumba literally shut down. Government Grants were also received and the Blaze Aid crews were, and continue to be, amazing.

They suffered huge stock losses and were trying to rebuild. Unfortunately some people were playing the 'blame game'. Maria has a

neighbour who was absent at the time of the fire. Maria and her family managed to stop the fire at their place but the neighbour falsely accused them of burning out his farm. This has become ugly, resulting in a law suit.

Deirdre then began her talk. Deirdre and her family live on a farm situated in a valley about 30 kilometres south of Tumbarumba near the Murray River. When the fire swept into the valley most of NSW was on fire so there were no excess resources and it was every Family for itself. Some farmers lost everything, others managed to save their homes but the loss of stock and fencing was huge.

The vet who dealt with burnt stock was situated at Holbrook but the roads were closed so these people could not get in hence many animals suffered needlessly. The valley rang out with gun fire one day and bulldozers the next as they put the stock down and then buried them.

The farmers priority was to keep the fires at bay if possible while others dealt with the heartbreak.

Many were not adequately covered by insurance however the insurance company that Deirdre dealt with has been amazing. As has Government assistance. The government offered an option of a \$75,000 grant to all eligible people and went round and checked that everyone had applied.

Deirdre completed her talk by saying that although for many the situation was overwhelming it will get better.

After questions from the floor Alan Lean thanked both ladies for their graphic presentations and then presented them with the customary certificate to immunize ten children on their behalf against polio.



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



Each year, the Rotary Foundation, to which we all contribute to every year, awards up to fifty Peace Fellowships for master's degrees and eighty for certificate studies at premier universities. These are fully funded (covering tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses) and targeted at dedicated leaders from around the world.

Since the program began in 2002, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,400 fellows who now work in more than 115 countries. The Rotary Peace Fellowship is designed for leaders with work experience in peace and development. Graduates may serve as leaders in governments, NGOs, the military, education, law enforcement, and international organizations like the United Nations and the World Bank.

Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centers programs develop the capacity of peace and development professionals or practitioners to become experienced and effective catalysts for peace.

NEXT MEETING: -

Next week, thanks to the perseverance of Peter Veerhuis, we will receive a visit from one of our local Fire Brigade teams. This meeting has been in planning for some months now and has had to be postponed because of the Covid regulations, specifically as they relate to our emergency services.

The team will be on duty and need to position their vehicle adjacent to the Country Club front door, in case of a call-out – and members are requested to dispel any rumours that the positioning of the vehicle is in any way related to Doris' cooking.



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: -



Paul congratulates Margaret Keys on winning the Door Prize.



Vida enlisting support for her 'Pet Project' - The Clontarf Academy.



Paying close attention to the presentation from our Key-Note speakers.



Alan expresses our thanks for the presentation on the recovery following the devastating fires.

Rotary's Six Areas of Service

					
PROMOTING PEACE	FIGHTING DISEASE	PROVIDING CLEAN WATER	MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH	LITERACY & BASIC EDUCATION	ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(28th Feb – 6th Mar)

Birthdays: John Heazlewood (2/3) & Howard Mendel (4/3)
Rotary Anniversaries: Paul Galloway (6/3/03) + (1979/1991 Wagga)
Wedding Anniversaries: Nil



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ALF BARZEN SHARES SOME HUMOUR: -

From up Woop Woop way, Jacko and his missus came to the big smoke so they could make a quid. Sixth Class was the hardest four years of his life but he blitzed art. Soon people in the city were paying big money to get this gifted artist to paint their likenesses.

One day, a beautiful woman from Vaucuse, asked him if he would paint her in the nude. Not wanting to cause any marital strife, he goes off to confer with his wife. She agrees on one condition. "My missus says it's OK. I'll paint you in the nude alright; but I have to at least leave my socks on so I have a place to wipe my brushes"



How to make meetings shorter:

