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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?

RI President: Mark Maloney
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Club President: David Friedlieb
Club Secretary: Ellen Brasier

BULLETIN NO: 33

Thursday 5th March 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 12 th March	Thursday 19 th March	Thursday 26 th March
PROGRAMME:	PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS NIGHT	SALLY BRYANT (TBC) ABC Radio Presenter	BOOK SORT At Copland Street
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker John Heazlewood	Karel Bijker Bruce Heydon	Karel Bijker
GREETER:	David Wynne	Rob Sharkie	Not Required
SHORT & SWEET:	Barry Francis	Lyndal Seymour	Not Required
FINES-MASTER:	David Payne	MaryAnn Kelly	Not Required
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Not Required	Graeme Callander	Not Required
VOTE OF THANKS:	Not Required	Allan Duffus	Not Required
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Don Pembleton	Vida Smart	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 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: -

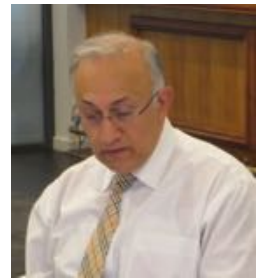
Attendance.

There were 34 members in attendance this week, which was a 'Social Night'.

Apologies were received from Tony Hutchinson, Bill Prest, Allan Duffus, Nepal Ghosh, David Kennedy, Peter Veerhuis, Margaret Keys, Margaret Everett, Marion Moran and Peter Murray.

Points from the President:

- A special welcome back after a period away to our members Allan Duffus and Gerry Page.
Alok Sharma was also welcomed back from India, and we look forward to his report about Darkness To Light.
- A thank you to all members who were able to assist with Wednesday's catering for Lilier Lodge. Around 10 members attended along with Judy Galloway and Fran Mecham.
- Out of our Board meeting last week:
 - There will be no meeting on Easter Thursday night, 9 April. This is the Thursday before the Easter weekend.
 - The Club will donate \$500 towards the Engineering and Science Challenge
 - There was a debriefing on the Shine Awards ceremony with the decision that in future the ceremony will start at a later time, and light refreshments will be served instead of a BBQ dinner.
 - The Goodwin Estate Fund, to assist families manage with cancer, is being wound up with the final donation of \$5000 going to a Griffith family. Thanks to Phil Cross, John Studdert and Graham Gorrel for their service over several years.
 - The District is looking for nominations for Outbound Youth Exchange with candidates to leave in January 2012.
 - President David invited suggestions for worthy PHF recipients, including non-Rotarians, for this Rotary Year.
- The District Conference is being held in Temora on 20-22 March. Accommodation is still available – ring Brendan Fitch on 0428 771391. **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING REGISTRATIONS** appears as a separate article in this bulletin.



- On 19 April there will be a District training day (DisTech20) in Young for Club members covering Rotary Systems and use of digital social media. Let David know if you would like to attend.
- Next week, Thursday 12 March is the culmination of the organising for our Rotary Membership evening. President David indicated that there are about 15 interested parties, and he is happy to keep taking names up until next Tuesday evening. Please let David know of any extra starters on 0407 912141 so he can arrange name tags and a buddy for the night.

BBO For Tumbarumba



David Cannon, ably assisted by Terry Mecham (catering for those with hearing problems) gave details of a Club visit to Mannus, near Tumbarumba on **this Saturday, 7th March**. There will be a BBQ and drinks with around 100 locals and kids, with the objective to lift community spirit after the recent bushfires. Attendees should bring chairs and maybe an esky. A mud map with directions was included in last week's Bulletin. All welcome. Be there about 4.30pm and if you do not want to drive all the way home, there are several places to stay in Tumbarumba.

District Conference—Message from John McKenzie

This IMPORTANT MESSAGE has been received from DG John McKenzie. Please take note of closing dates..... and REGISTER if you are attending.

We have been advised by our caterers for the 9700 District Conference in Temora that we need to provide attendance numbers to them so they can order the required provisions. As a result, **registrations for the Conference will close on March 12th 2020.**

While it will still be possible for people to attend the conference after this date they will not be able to attend the Friday and Saturday evening events or be provided with morning or afternoon teas or lunches.

Please ensure you advise your club members of this date and encourage them to register for the Conference if they have not already done so.

Information about the Conference program, speakers and how to register is available on the Conference website accessible by clicking this [link](#).

Thank you for your assistance in making this a memorable final District 9700 Conference.

on behalf of the Conference Organising Committee

John McKenzie
District Governor 2019-20

Engineering And Science Challenge

Bryan Short spoke about the Engineering and Science Challenge which had been held that afternoon at Mater Dei College. There were six High Schools in attendance including Albury and Tumbarumba. There were 8 different activities for the 150 students in attendance. All Wagga Rotary clubs assisted in the running of the Challenge with Bryan and Howard Mendel from our club. The overall winners of the Challenge was Mater Dei College, with the blue ribbon event of design and construction of a balsa wood bridge being won by a group of 4 girls from Mater Dei.

Rex Flores Update

Graeme Callander brought us up to date about Rex Flores who our Club helped when he had renal failure and his brother came over from The Philippines to donate a kidney. Rex has finally met all the conditions to become an Australian citizen, at a date to yet be set, but the Club members will be invited to the ceremony.

Goodwin Estate



Phil Cross spoke of his coming across former club member Ian Hallam and his wife Korki. Ian coordinated the renovation of the Goodwin House which was the basis for the Goodwin estate. He had also helped Phil with a ramp at Phil's house for Meryl. Ian sent his best wishes to everyone

Raffle Winner

Mike Murray's name was drawn from the ice bucket this week. He was overjoyed at FINALLY winning the coveted prize. There were plenty of helpers at his table willing to share his joy!!

Short & Sweet

Bryan Short spoke about the significant changes taking place in energy usage. He discussed the system whereby we now have to enter into yearly contracts with our electricity suppliers if we want a decent deal, similarly with excess power generated from solar panels. In the washout it has led to annual savings of around \$1000 per year and at this rate, about a 10-year payback on solar panels.

He also touched on electric cars, electric lawn mowers, and lastly about what is happening in some cities such as Canberra where they are now 100% using renewable electricity energy and aiming to get down to zero emissions for cooking, heating and vehicle usage by 2045.



Finesmaster

Paul Galloway ran a session where he incorporated some photos and outcomes of his most recent visit to Tutuala in East Timor with President David and Gordon Sagers, and a couple of broad fines covering just about everybody. There was also a special fine for Gordon's recent hole in one. He completed the session with a parcel he pulled out from under the lectern. It was a water bottle Mike Murray had left behind at Lillier Lodge, and it had a particularly nice little teat arrangement which, he explained, is the reason why Mike has such nice kissable lips!!!
Plenty of money in the fine boxes, thanks Paul

NEXT MEETING: -

Next meeting (12 March) is our Prospective New Members' Night. The Committee has worked hard to make this a success. Let's make it an enjoyable evening!

THE 'ACTION SHOTS': -



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

7 th March 2020	BBQ at Tumberumba (4.30 start)
19 th March 2020	RYDA at Wagga Showground
20-22 nd March	Final D9700 Conference (Temora).
28 th March	Wollundry Rotary's Food & Wine Festival.
19 th April	DIS-TECH20 in Young
2-3 rd May	Wagga Rotary BOOK FAIR.
3 rd June	Catering At Lillier Lodge. (Casserole Night)
6-10 th June	Rotary International Convention – Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(8th—14th March)

Birthdays:	Nil
Rotary Anniversaries:	Nil
Wedding Anniversaries:	Gordon & Margaret Sagers (11/3)



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A cowboy lay sprawled across three entire seats in a posh theatre. When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the cowboy: “Sorry sir, but you’re only allowed one seat.”

The cowboy groaned but didn’t budge. The usher became more impatient. “Sir, if you don’t get up from there, I’m going to have to call the manager.”

Again, the cowboy just groaned. So the usher marched briskly up the aisle and soon returned with the manager.

Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move the cowboy, but with no success. Finally, they summoned the police. The cop surveyed the situation briefly, then asked: “All right buddy, what’s your name?”

“Sam,” the cowboy moaned.

“Where ya from, Sam?”

With pain in his voice Sam replied: “The balcony.”

