



**ROTARY CLUB  
OF WAGGA WAGGA**

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**BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA Inc. - CHARTERED 1930**

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<p><b>RI President:</b> Holger Knaack</p> <p><b>Dist. Gov 9705:</b> Michael Moore</p> <p><b>Area Three Gov:</b> Martin Brown</p> <p><b>Club President:</b> David Payne</p> <p><b>Club Secretary:</b> Ellen Brasier</p>		<p><b>THE FOUR WAY TEST:</b> Of the things we think, say or do: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is it the truth?</li> <li>• Is it fair to all concerned?</li> <li>• Will it build goodwill &amp; better friendships?</li> <li>• Will it be beneficial to all concerned?</li> </ul>
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**BULLETIN NO: 33.**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.**

**MARCH IS ROTARY WATER & SANITATION 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 11 <sup>th</sup> March.	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> March.	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March.
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	Ron & Cath Frew Tumbarumba Rail Trail	<b>Club Social BBQ</b> <b>Lake Albert Foreshores</b>	TBA
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Nepal Ghosh Howard Mendel	Karel Bijker	Karel Bijker Vida Smart
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	Peter Smart (again)	Paul Galloway	Margaret Keys
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	John Heazlewood	Paul Galloway	Bryan Short
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	Tony Hutchinson	Not Required	David Wynne
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	Mary Ann Kelly	Not Required	David Kennedy
<b>BULLETIN REPORTER:</b>	Vicky Donoghue	Vida Smart	Don Pembleton
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	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** welcomed 35 members plus Honorary Member Bill Prest, Visiting Rotarian Geraldine Rurenga, as well as Ken Sargeant (guest of Graham Callander) & four Club Guests from Wagga Fire Brigade Jeff Edwards, Ben Wood, Zale Bailey and Joel Sim.

There were 9 apologies.

### **Administration Matters.**

- President David reported that a group of members from the club had a good night in attendance at the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner for Coolamon Rotary Club**. There was a crowd of around 120 persons and that number included District Governor Michael Moore and his wife Helen.
- **Meeting with the District Governor**. David also reported that sixteen of our members were among around 40 Rotarians who attended the meeting with the DG to discuss concerns raised about some aspects of the District Merger. A presentation was given with heaps of information, and there was a harmonious exit overall.
- He mentioned that bookings close soon for the **District Conference at Bathurst** (see details later in this publication). David and Alan Lean are attending and any other members interested are most welcome to join them. David is coordinating car-pooling.
- A multi-club package is being put together across the various Wagga clubs, covering **Rotary Publicity**
- **Elaine Almond** gave a final mention to the *NOMADLAND* movie afternoon for Polio Plus on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm. A few tickets at \$20, will be available from Elaine at the theatre but you would need to be early.
- **Paul Galloway** gave an update on the **meeting for Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup>**. This will be a barbecue evening beside the Lake in Lakeside Drive, at 6:00 PM near the Landsdown Street exit. There will be fun and games. Partners are welcome - bring chairs and Aerogard.
- **DGN Geraldine Rurenga** gave an outline of the **Walk for Peace** to be held in Canberra on Saturday and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March, with a Peace Dinner on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March. It helps raise funds for the Rotary Centenary Project - 'Every Child a Future'. There is a Wagga Walking Warriors Team – details about how you can join in or donate are in the flyer attached.



### **Short & Sweet.**

To save time on a busy night Peter Smart made it extra short – “hello – goodbye”.

The presentation was so remarkable that we have allocated the task to him once again for next week – here's hoping for a little more substance next time.

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

Fines Master was Bruce Heydon who, also pressed for time, bravely carried on fining Mike Murray for taking up space in the DA, David Wynn for intruding on Bruce's patch by winning the door prize wine, the usual offenders having anniversaries, grandchildren etc. and finished with a bit of humour to soften the blow.

### **Key-Note Speaker**

In introducing our guest speaker, Jeff Edwards from the NSW Fire Brigade, Peter Veerhuis shared with us the circumstances which put him in contact with the local Fire Brigade and which led him to invite them to address the club. Covid intervened, Peter persisted in his request and finally the big Fire Truck rolled up the front.

In his opening remarks, Jeff described Peter as the most persistent individual he had met! Well done Peter.

Jeff gave us a forceful talk about fire emergencies, involving his audience to test their knowledge – how would you define an emergency? What signage tells you where to exit in an emergency? e.g. the green running man. What would be your strategy if a fire broke out – would you try to extinguish/alert others/contain the fire etc?. First action should be to exit, then raise the alert, and gather at a safe place. He stressed the need to never leave cooking unattended and to avoid using water to contain a stovetop fire. Fire blankets were discussed. The value of smoke alarms in giving an exit-time advantage, was mentioned and the need to regularly check them/change batteries. The danger of unattended candles and the need to check electric blankets operation before fitting to beds were touched on. He urged us to look around in strange environments like a shopping centre, to be clear on layouts and exits, the emergency assembly area.



After a question session, Paul Galloway gave the vote of thanks.

### **MARCH IS ROTARY WATER & SANITATION MONTH: -**

During March, Rotary Water & Sanitation Month, we celebrate our commitment to create healthier communities by supplying clean water and sanitation facilities thus preventing the spread of infectious diseases.



Clean water is a basic human right that many are often denied. There are 2.5 billion people in the world who lack access to improved sanitation and 748 million people who don't have clean drinking water. Nearly 1,400 children die each day from diseases caused by lack of sanitation and unsafe water. When people have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives.

In 2015, the United Nations introduced their new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end poverty and promote prosperity while protecting the environment and addressing climate change. Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 on water and sanitation encourages us to address universal access to drinking water and sanitation along with improved water management to protect ecosystems and build resiliency (*Information courtesy of Rotary International Programs Staff*).

Rotary members are committed to reaching the water and sanitation SDG through projects like building wells, installing rainwater harvesting systems, and teaching community members how to maintain new infrastructure. Over the following weeks this publication will seek to inform you of the actions that Rotary have taken or caused to be taken throughout the world.

### **DISTRICT 9705 CONFERENCE (19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021): -**

D9705 Conference Registrations are now open. Numbers must be restricted this year due to COVID restrictions (400 persons inside the conference venue, 360 at the Conference Dinner & 300 at the Welcome Function) so lodge your registration ASAP. Please click on the following link to go to the Conference website and register: -

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

## ***NEXT MEETING: -***

Next week sees us again enjoying the hospitality of the Wagga Country Club with Key-Note Speaker/s Ron & Cath Frew. Their topic is the Tumbarumba/Rosewood Rail Trail which is the first venture of its kind in New South Wales. It was officially opened in April 2020 after much controversy and negotiating with local authorities and land-owners. Should be an interesting presentation!

If bringing guests, please ensure that the Country Club is informed for catering purposes (see instructions above).



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

- ◆ **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.**
- ◆ **12/16 June 2021**      **Rotary International Conference (Taipei).**



## **Rotary's Six Areas of Service**



**PROMOTING  
PEACE**



**FIGHTING  
DISEASE**



**PROVIDING  
CLEAN WATER**



**MATERNAL &  
CHILD HEALTH**



**LITERACY &  
BASIC  
EDUCATION**



**ECONOMIC &  
COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT**

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

*"Boys and their Toys" - Gerry & Mike checking out the Big Red Fire Engine*



*Jeff Edwards & NSWFB Team thanked by Paul Galloway.*

*Bruce - the smiling fines-Master.*



**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -**

(7<sup>th</sup> Mar – 13<sup>th</sup> Mar)

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



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“Can’t you work faster? My arms are killing me.”

**DO YOU EVER WONDER: -**

- Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?*
- Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed?*
- Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?*
- Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?*
- Why is it that doctors call what they do 'practice'?*
- Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavouring, and dish washing liquid made with real lemons?*
- Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?*
- Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?*
- Why isn't there mouse-flavoured cat food?*
- Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?*
- Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?*
- You know that indestructible black box that is used on air-planes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?*
- If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?*





## WALK FOR PEACE: CANBERRA 2021

Challenge yourself and say 'Yes' to peace.

It is a walk, not a run, so you will have plenty of time and chat with fellow walkers. You could even stop for a coffee on the way, there is no rush. But you have to do the distance... that's the challenge! – PLUS, you must have fun.

Plenty of prizes! A great chance to celebrate the Rotary Centenary, meet new friends, and promote peace.

If you sign up for both days you will receive a medal!

### Wagga Walking Warriors.

Choose to walk one day or both days.

Peace Dinner Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

7km Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March

7km Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March

1. Buy your entry ticket at <https://aussiepeacewalk.com.au/> select "register" and then search for the team "Wagga Walking Warriors".
2. If instead you would like to donate to the Wagga team go to <https://everychildfuture.raisley.com/t/waggawalkingwarriors>

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**100**  
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