



**ROTARY CLUB  
OF WAGGA WAGGA**

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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: 34**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.**

**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 Officers' Roster: -**

Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot fulfil your rostered duty. Also inform the Bulletin Reporter.

Date:	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	<b>SALLY BRYANT</b> ABC Radio Presenter	<b>BOOK SORTING</b> At Copland St.	<b>Craig Hartin</b> Waste Management
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Karel Bijker Bruce Heydon	Karel Bijker	Karel Bijker Margaret Everett
<b>GREETER:</b>	Rob Sharkie	Not Required	Barry Francis
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	Lyndal Seymour	Not Required	Bruce Barber
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	MaryAnn Kelly	Not Required	Gordon Saggars
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	Graeme Callander	Not Required	Neil Hilpern
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	Allan Duffus	Not Required	Howard Mendel
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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.



Club President David opened the meeting and welcomed the thirty-six members (around 80% of our membership). Additionally, he extended a hearty welcome to our Club guests who included Ben Hinton, Craig Tait, Gordon Lerve, Leanne Sanders, Max Graffen, Michael Wynne, Nancy Wright, Philip Ward, Rachael Sweeney & Tony Blake. He proposed a toast to Rotary and Good Health.



Apologies from Bill Prest, Mike Murray, Neil Hilpern, Paul Galloway, Peter Veerhuis & Tony Hutchinson were recorded. Karel Bijker had also recorded an apology but did not attend, as his travel arrangements were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Administration Matters

- Board Members are reminded that a Board Meeting is to be held at 8:00 PM, following the weekly meeting next Thursday – an agenda is being prepared and will be issued prior to the meeting.



- Last Saturday, seven of our members (including our BBQ Team) hosted a social gathering at The Glenn-Mannus for the RFS members and residents. About 135 'locals' were fed and enjoyed some fellowship. It was reportedly the first occasion that they had gathered as a group since the devastating fires that swept through their region in January. (see photos at the end of the bulletin)  
Terry Mecham entertained the crowd by demonstrating how to 'pare his plume' with flaming LPG – fortunately only minor injuries (other than to his pride).

- Secretary Ellen called for volunteers for RYDA to be staged at the Wagga Showground next Thursday (19<sup>th</sup> March). At least six members are required between 9:00 AM and approx. 2:15 PM. Some names were taken at the conclusion of the meeting however any additional members that might find themselves available will be most welcome.
- Applications are currently open for a new RYDA Co-ordinator to advance this marvellous program beyond 2020. See Sect Ellen for full particulars.

- Another reminder for the District Conference in Temora 20/22<sup>nd</sup> March. Not far off now.
- DisTech20 training session will be held in Young 19<sup>th</sup> April.
- David Friedlieb participated in the recent meeting of local Rotary/Rotaract Presidents. There is an impressive list of activities happening – a list too long to publish here.
- Thanks to Alan Lean for preparing the slide-show highlighting the recent activities of our Club.



### Short & Sweet

Barry Francis has discovered that he (like many other Rotarians) is now a ‘Sen-ager’ - in case you are wondering, that is a “senior teenager”.

He now has everything he ever wanted:—

he doesn't have to go to school,  
 he gets a monthly allowance (i.e. pension),  
 has his own ‘pad’,  
 no curfew,  
 has a car,  
 his girl friends aren’t afraid of getting pregnant and  
 he doesn't get acne.

It’s just that all this arrived 60 years late!!

### Finesmaster

David Payne, decked out like a leprechaun, delivered a session appropriate for St Patrick's Day – which is next Tuesday (17<sup>th</sup> March).

After a brief summary of the history of the day and its relevance to the Irish and their descendants he related a typical Irish joke – something about a doctor with news, both bad and worse, for his patient. Seeking the bad news first, the patient was informed that he had only 24 hours to live – what could be worse than that you might ask – well the doctor had been trying to locate the patient since yesterday (boom boom).

An entertaining session that augmented the Club’s Treasure Chest.



### Raffle

Bryan Short was the lucky winner. He was offered his choice of wine (red or white) or a roll of toilet paper which, according to Social Media, is currently in great demand and short supply owing to the coronavirus pandemic. One wonders what his selection was...and where his priorities lie!!



## **What is Rotary?**

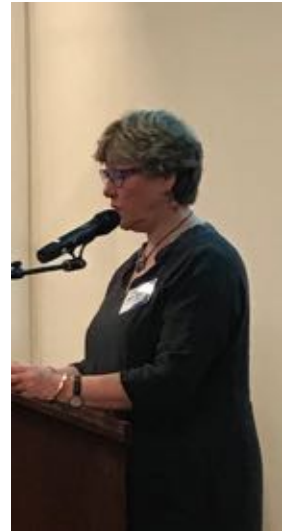
For the benefit of all, especially our guests, Mary Ann Kelly outlined a concise history of the Rotary organisation: how it has grown from the four business acquaintances who met in Chicago USA in 1905 to the 1.2 million members that we have today throughout the world – in 34,000 clubs.

She defined Rotary's Areas of Focus and the Four-Way Test – which govern our day-to-day lives.

She then proceeded to outline the history of our Club since its inauguration in 1929 to the present day. She touched on the major achievements such as the Borambola Fitness Camp, Camp Quality, the Read-To-Me program, RYDA, the SHINE Awards, the Tutuala projects and Darkness-to-Light (to mention just a few).

The Book Fair, which occurs each year in May, is now our major source of income; our BBQ Team is perpetually active assisting the community and in addition to all this activity we enjoy an active social life.

She concluded with the story of Rex, a sponsored worker from the Philippines, employed at a local industrial plant. Rex required a kidney transplant but as he wasn't an Australian citizen, there were major complications. Effectively, the actions and representations of some of our Club members gained him permanent residency and saved his life.



## **Our Resident Poet**



To add a dash of culture to the evening, our resident bush poet, David Wynne, rendered an emotional poem covering a situation where an old drover's horse was being auctioned off after an obviously long and hard-working life. There was hardly a dry eye in the house. Fortunately, the narration ended well with the old horse enjoying his twilight years in a clover paddock (sounds like a fair proportion of our members doesn't it??).

The poem was delivered to the accompaniment of Lyndal's ringtone (Fines-master for next week please take note!!!).

## **The Fellowship of Rotary**

Brad Bland recalled some highlights of his associations with the Rotary family. His first introduction was as a participant in Group Study Exchange (GSE) which resulted in a visit to Europe. This was followed up, a few years later, through membership of Rotaract. Eventually he joined Rotary whilst living in Hay and subsequently transferred to our Club.

His participation in Rotary has always been enjoyable and beneficial; he especially relished the ability to undertake make-ups in regions throughout SA and NT when he was required to visit these areas in his employment with a major bank. This obviously provided valuable contacts in those areas and augmented his leisure time – and probably also made his business activities more productive.

He expressed his appreciation for the fellowship that he has enjoyed at every level of Rotary.

In closing, he explained that he had a fellowship opportunity for a limited number of Rotarians in that he had travel, accommodation and entry packages to the F1 Grand Prix in Melbourne this weekend – all for only \$280 per person. No need to concern yourself with the fact that the last time he flew in controlled air-space, he was in Row 'F'. He invited any interested members to contact him ASAP and avail themselves of this great fellowship opportunity. *Editor's note: F1 was subsequently cancelled.... did the fellowship go on???*

### **Member Updates**

Both David Cannon (irregular heart-beat) and Philip Cross (lower back problems) will be hospitalised in Sydney over the next few weeks. No doubt they will have their mobiles with them so if any members find themselves in Sydney with an hour or two to spare, we're confident that they would enjoy a visit. Please call first. The Club wishes them both a speedy and complete recovery.

Obviously, with Philip incapacitated, Meryl will be receiving respite care at the Forrest Centre.

### **NEXT MEETING: -**

The Programs Committee, under the leadership of David Cannon, has arranged some titillating speakers over the next few weeks. This might be an excellent time for us all to suggest to potential new members that they should accept an invitation to attend a meeting or two.

Next week (19<sup>th</sup> March), we will be addressed by Sally Bryant, a local ABC Radio celebrity. Anyone who listens to her morning radio show on ABC Riverina (102.7 on the FM band) will know of her attributes. She'll obviously have some stories to tell.

Subsequent to that, on the 26<sup>th</sup> March we will be sorting books etc. at the book storage facility.

'Stay tuned' for details of Ben Holt's presentation, scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> April – this promises to be a most entertaining and informative event.

**PHOTOS FROM THE COMMUNITY BBQ AT THE GLEN-MANNUS RFS: -**



This e-mail was received from Ronald McDonald House this week.  
Please RSVP to Kiara if you are going to attend.

Good Afternoon,

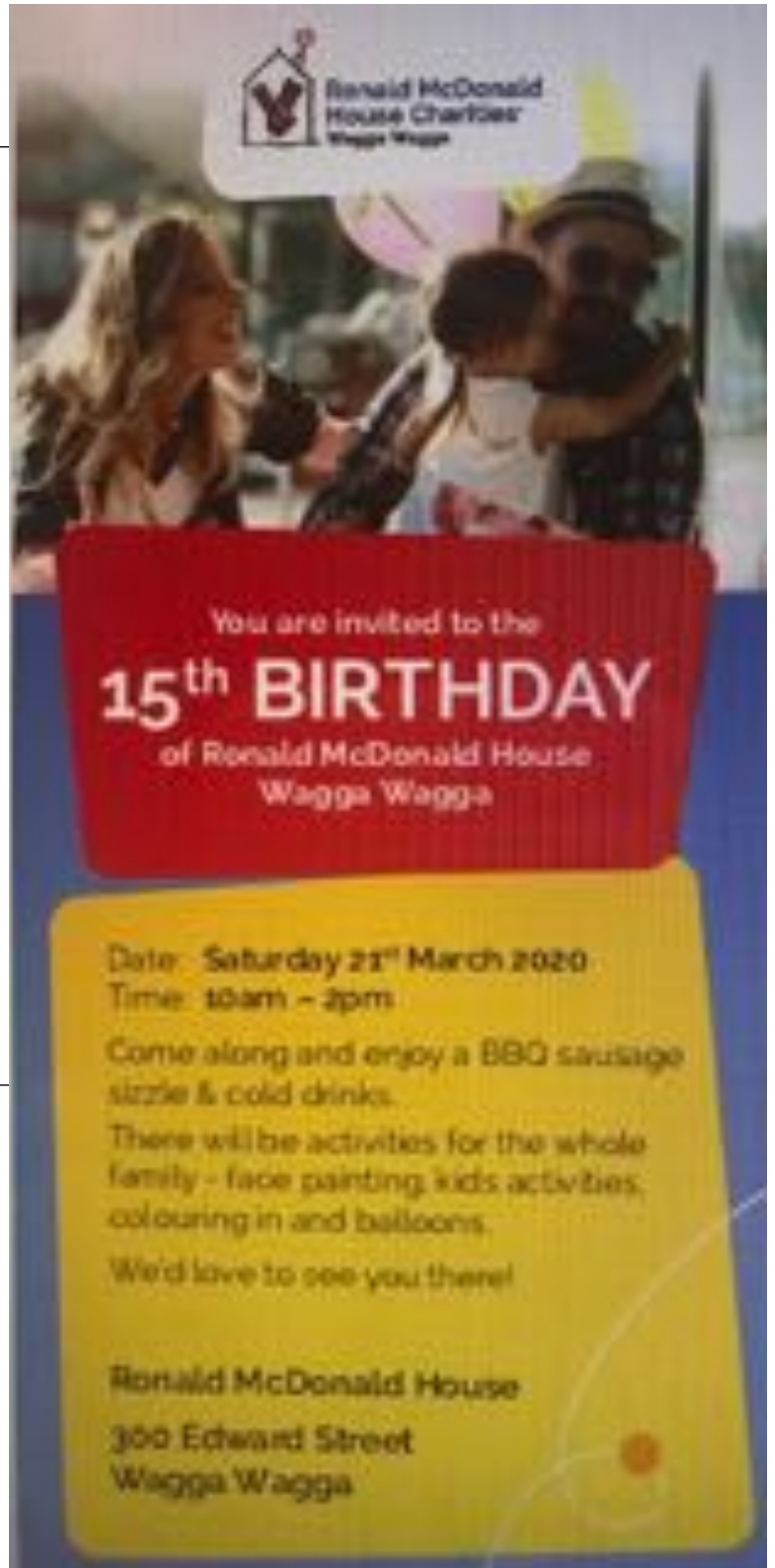
On behalf of the Ronald McDonald House Wagga we would love to invite you, your team, friends & family to join us in celebrating the 15<sup>th</sup> birthday of the house.

Please see invite attached and let us know if you will be able to attend. We would love to see you there.

Thanks have a good afternoon.

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

19 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	<b>RYDA at Wagga Showground</b>
20-22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2020	<b>Final D9700 Conference (Temora).</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Wollundry Rotary's Food &amp; Wine Festival.</b>
2-3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2020	<b>Wagga Rotary BOOK FAIR.</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2020	<b>Catering At Lilier Lodge. (Casserole Night)</b>
6-10 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	<b>Rotary International Convention – Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.</b>

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -**

(14-21 March)

**Birthdays:** Marion Moran (14/3), Ellen Brasier (21/3)

**Rotary Anniversaries:** MaryAnn Kelly (15/3/2007)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** nil



## **O'KOOKABURRA**



An Englishman, a Scotsman and an Irishman were without tickets for the opening ceremony of the Summer Olympics, but hoped to be able to talk their way in at the gate.

Security was very tight, however, and each of their attempts was met with a stern refusal.

While wandering around outside the stadium, the Englishman came upon a construction site, which gave him an idea. Grabbing a length of scaffolding, he presented himself at the gate and said, "Johnson, the pole vault," and was admitted.

The Scotsman, overhearing this, went at once to search the site. When he came up with a sledge hammer, he presented himself at the gate and said, "McTavish, the hammer throw." He was also admitted.

The Irishman combed the site for an hour and was nearly ready to give up, when he spotted his ticket in. Seizing a roll of barbed wire, he presented himself at the gate and announced, "O'Sullivan, fencing."

