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

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**BULLETIN NO: 35.**

**Thursday 18<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. Also inform the Bulletin Reporter.

Date:	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March.	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April.	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> April.
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	Tim Martin. Tumut River Brewing Company.	NO MEETING (Easter Break)	TBA
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Karel Bijker Vida Smart	Not Required	Karel Bijker David Wynne
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	Margaret Keys	Not Required	Peter Veerhuis
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	Bryan Short	Not Required	Gary Roberts
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	David Wynne	Not Required	Peter Olson
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	David Kennedy	Not Required	Howard Mendel
<b>BULLETIN REPORTER:</b>	Don Pembleton	Not Required	Bryan Short
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	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 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:**

An excellent roll up of members gathered under the 'Wagga Rotary Light Pole' on the shores of Lake Albert for this week's meeting. Our Club provided sponsorship for the light pole as part of the 'Light Around the Lake' project. Everyone enjoyed the atmosphere, sipping a beverage and indulging in fellowship while relaxing by the water and watching as the setting sun lit up the houses across the lake. Special thanks go to Terry and Fran Mecham who provided the delicious meal and led the BBQ team in dishing up a sumptuous feast. It was even suggested by some during the evening that Fran might want to put her hand up to be the Country Club's regular caterer, since they are looking a replacement for Dorrice, their current caterer who is retiring soon. Unsurprisingly, Fran was not interested in taking up a new career at this time!



### **Administrative Notes:**

Secretary **Ellen** asked if any Club members have a current First Aid and CPR Certificate. New regulations for the running of the Book Fair require us to nominate two First Aid officers. She also reminded members to check that they have renewed their Working With Children Check.

Youth Services Director **Vida** asked for volunteers able to attend the Clontarf BBQ breakfast at Mount Austin High School on Friday morning at 8 a.m. Peter Smart and Graham Russell were happy to step forward. A report will be forthcoming at next week's meeting. For Term 2, a roster will be drawn up so members get plenty of notice of dates we will need volunteers to attend the BBQ breakfasts.



President **David** will attend the 2021 Aussie Peace Walk in Canberra on the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> March 2021 with family members. If anyone would like to join the team or **donate to a very worthy cause**, please contact President David for details.

### **Short & Sweet.**



**Paul Galloway** asked everyone to stand around the 'Light' as he told us how it came to be there. 'Lights around the Lake' was an initiative formulated by the 'Committee 4 Wagga' in 2015. The committee was made up of 20 people including School Leaders and Young Achievers. One of these was a young lady called Elody who had the initial notion of lights around the lake as she often walked the lake in the evenings and found the paths to be quite dark. Council support was obtained, and 156 solar lights were bought through sponsorship from businesses, families and clubs of Wagga Wagga. Initially the lights had to go into storage for 18 months, then the council facilitated the installation of the lights around the lake.

Paul then challenged the members to walk a short way along the foreshore towards the boat club, and then in the opposite direction. If anyone could tell him the relationship between the sponsors of two of the lights they would find in that stretch of footpath, along with photographic evidence (no doubt to prove the information was gained by actually seeking it out personally), then Paul would give them a prize. From observation, attendees were too busy enjoying food and fellowship to venture along the footpath and therefore no prizes were claimed.

(See end of Bulletin for information regarding the 'link' between the lights.)



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

In lieu of our regular fines session, club members were asked to participate in various games that had been set up, with a gold coin donation for each turn.

**Knock-em-Down** - involved throwing balls at a small pyramid of cans of beer (filled with what appeared to be sand rather than beer). Two pyramids were set up on a picnic bench. Peter Murray channelled a fairground Carnie as he yelled out for customers to try their hand at the game. This game also involved getting some exercise as more often than not, the re-bounce of the ball that did NOT hit any cans (of which there were many), would often roll pass the person throwing and head at speed towards the lake. Peter gets kudos for nearly having to go INTO the water to retrieve a ball. That's a Carnie's lot in life. Gotta keep a check on all those balls, and make sure there is no cheating.



**Quoits and Thong-Throwing** - For the English readers of this bulletin, no, 'Thong-Throwing' does not involve any part of ladies' underwear. Thongs are FOOTWEAR. Prizes were awarded for 'good efforts' and 'Having a Go', and with much ceremony a Perpetual Trophy is to be awarded to the winner of the thong-throwing competition at our meeting next week. Sounds intriguing.



## MARCH IS ROTARY WATER & SANITATION MONTH....

Our Club sponsors the provision of clean filtered water through a project being driven by Howard Mendel. Here is a brief report from one community being assisted by this project:

### WATER FILTER PROJECT IN ATAÚRO ISLAND, TIMOR LESTE

Ataúro Island is a small island 25kms off the coast of Dili, Timor Leste. With a length of only 22kms and a population of just under 10,000 people, Ataúro has a rugged and hot landscape. Unfortunately in this area, poor water sources as well as water shortages are a common occurrence.

With the help of retired engineer, Howard Mendel, from the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga and Dili's Bairo Pite Clinic, a water filtration unit was installed on the island in 2020 as part of a



cooperative water filtration project.

This water filter project was established to have a direct effect on reducing the rates of malnutrition and stunting in Timor Leste. A recent United Nations report revealed that East Timor

registers as the second highest rate of child debilitation or 'wasting', meaning children with acute malnutrition, as well as stunting, which reflects chronic malnutrition. Furthermore, the report showed that these issues affect 57% of children under 5 years of age.

The first installed water filtration unit is in an area where it is currently used and easily accessed by approximately 200 people. Reports from the Village Chief from earlier this year were very positive and the community has a renewed optimism.



The community is very happy with the addition of the water filtration unit and cases of malnutrition in children have reduced as a result.

The installation of the above filtration unit has resulted in positive community interest from surrounding villages. With the obvious success of the first installation, there has been a request for 3 more units for this area as the current unit is in a village which is found in a district of approximately 2,000 residents. One of these requested units will also be going to a remote part of the island, which can only be accessed by boat.

By looking at the success of the single unit installed in Ataúro island, it is evident that these water filtration units can significantly improve lives. With the next filtration installations to occur in the near future, we hope to have an impact on reducing the incredibly high statistics of malnutrition and stunting in Timor Leste.

*Words written by Magdalene Nowakowski, an Australian volunteer at Bairo Pite Clinic Lanud.*

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

**26/28 March 2021      Rotary Centenary Peace Dinner & Peace Walk (Canberra).**

**15/16 May 2021      Wagga Rotary Club Book Fair (Only 8 Weeks to go).**

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



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



**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -**

*(28<sup>th</sup> March-3 April)*



<b>Birthdays:</b>	Lyn Hutchinson (28/3), Fran Payne (1/4)
<b>Rotary Anniversaries:</b>	Nil
<b>Wedding Anniversaries:</b>	Nil

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In a Catholic school cafeteria, a nun places a note in front of a pile of apples, "Only take one. God is watching." Further down the line is a pile of cookies. A little boy makes his own note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."



Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of University, "And what starting salary are you looking for?" The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks' vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company super contribution to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Porsche?" The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."

There was an elderly couple who in their old age noticed that they were getting a lot more forgetful, so they decided to go to the doctor. The doctor told them that they should start writing things down, so they don't forget. They went home and the old lady told her husband to get her a bowl of ice cream. "You might want to write it down," she said. The husband said, "No, I can remember that you want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream." "Write it down," she told him, and again he said, "No, no, I can remember; you want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream." Then the old lady said she wants a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top. "Write it down," she told her husband and again he said, "No, I got it. You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top." So he goes to get the ice cream and spends an unusually long time in the kitchen, over 30 minutes. He comes out to his wife and hands her a plate of eggs and bacon. The old wife stares at the plate for a moment, then looks at her husband and asks, "Where's the toast?"



The mystery of the lights..... Two lights are 'linked by marriage'.  
One was sponsored by the Galloway family and the other by the Sisley (Jude's) family.