



**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: 35

Thursday 19th March, 2020.

MARCH IS ROTARY WATER & SANITATION MONTH.

Club usually meets at the WAGGA WAGGA COUNTRY CLUB, **6:00 PM for 6.30 PM.**

Due to the COVID-19 situation,
physical meetings of the club have been suspended
until 16 April 2020.
As the crisis evolves, this date may change,
with updates posted in this Bulletin
which will continue to be published weekly.

Invocation: *For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks.*

MEETING REPORT: -

Attendance.

30 members attended this week's meeting.

Apologies were received from Tony Hutchinson, Bill Prest, Nepal Ghosh, Peter Veerhuis, Peter Murray, Mike Murray, Howard Mendel, Paul Galloway, Phil Cross, David Cannon, Don Pembleton, Gordon Sagers, Alok Sharma and Alf Barzen.

We also welcomed the following guests:

Shane Carroll (Guest of Margaret Everett),
Milroy Gunawardena (Guest of Alan Lean),
Leanne Sanders and Rob Hale (Guests of Vida and Peter Smart),
Catherine Friedlieb (Guest of President David Friedlieb),
Sally Short (Guest of Bryan Short),
Bronwyn Callander (Guest of Graeme Callander).



COVID-19 Information

Elaine Almond gave the meeting some suggestions on staying safe, re-iterating what the NSW Government has been suggesting. This is important for the whole population, but more so for the Age Demographic of many of our club members, and those with existing health issues/low immunity.

The flyers appear later in this bulletin, but in addition, members are advised to:

- **Maintain Social Distancing**
- **Restrict Numbers in Meetings/Gatherings**
- **Try not to touch your face**
- **Do not use Air Dryers**
- **If you are 65yrs+ consider getting Pneumococcal Vaccine**
- **Do not worry if you cannot get hand sanitizer. Soap and Water is fine if done correctly.**
- **Be advised, the virus can live on hard surfaces for up to 10 days.**

(Ladies, and Gents, maybe we should be going back to the Golden Days of wearing cotton or leather gloves whenever we leave the house...A la' Downton Abbey)

Administration Matters

➤ President David opened the meeting with the Rotary Invocation, adding our thoughts to those on the frontline fighting coronavirus.

➤ Members were then updated on a few club members who are having some health issues.

▪ **David Cannon** has had a procedure in Sydney this week, and last reports suggest he is 'doing well'.

▪ **Phil Cross** was taken to Sydney by Graham Russell on Thursday for back surgery and the club wishes him well with that process. A weary Graham made it back to Wagga in time to get to our meeting. Dedication!!



➤ The Board will be sitting down together after this evening's meeting concludes.

➤ Due to the evolving COVID-19 situation, there have been a number of cancellations of Rotary Events. These include RI World Congress in Hawaii, District Conference in Temora, RYDA, Foundation Seminar, Distech (Young), a BBQ this Saturday, Wollundry Rotary Food & Wine Fair, and importantly for our club specifically, **our annual Book Fair has been postponed.** We have tentative new dates of 17/18th October 2020.

➤ President David would like nominations for worthy Paul Harris Fellows, including Non-Rotarians.

➤ Candidates are being sought for the Outbound Youth Exchange due to leave Australia Jan 2021.

Short & Sweet



Staying with the Coronavirus theme, but in an effort to now lift our spirits, Lyndal Seymour proceeded to entertain us with the 'Top Ten Coronavirus Jokes' that are floating around the Internet at the moment. They were very amusing and light-hearted, and were followed by a short powerpoint of funny photos, ending with a video that had everyone laughing out loud.

Something about grown men chasing a large roll of toilet paper round a football field, that about a month ago, would have made no sense!

Finesmaster

Maryann Kelly was guilty of not reading last week's Bulletin, and didn't come prepared to be Finesmaster this week. So, what to do? Heads and Tails. A wonderfully quick and fun way to raise some cash. Your bulletin reporter this week (i.e. Vida Smart) particularly enjoyed it since she won. And the prize was a very rare, a TOILET ROLL, kindly supplied by Lyndal.

Raffle

One of our guests, Milroy Gunawardena, was the lucky winner of the 'door prize' this week. He and President David attempted 'social distancing'..... reminiscent of primary school??



Guest Speaker

Graeme Callander introduced our guest speaker Sally Bryant, with a warning that we should not linger over our questions at the end of her presentation as Sally needed to 'nick off quickly', because she gets up early every morning to do her radio show on ABC Radio Riverina. (Actually it's not early in the morning, it's still the middle of the night!)

Prior to moving to Wagga late last year, Sally had been Rural Reporter based in Dubbo for 6 years, largely reporting on the drought.



Moving to Wagga was a huge change, which she has enthusiastically embraced. As she stated, the multicultural events, The Arts, all the opportunities in Wagga, just blew her away, and she really loves working in Wagga.

Then, The Bushfires Hit. First Drought, then Bushfire.

At the time, Sally was staying at the Rock, with an old School-friend, and what struck her was how quickly the Riverina community, specifically the Wagga Community gathered together to support one another and the surrounding towns in their crisis. Sally was seeing the best of humanity.

Then came COVID-19.

And after all the wonderful community spirit and goodness, she has now become 'distressed by all the distress' she is seeing out in the community. The hoarding of food., the empty supermarket shelves, etc.

Sally states she has spent a lot of time thinking how to report in a way, that does NOT increase the anxiety that is 'out there' in the community. Not reporting the negative, but focusing instead on the positive stories.

For example, the story of a restaurant in Griffith who was getting no dine-in customers, but instead of closing their doors, made up plates of food, to sell to folk who couldn't get out to get food.

Sally wants to help inspire the community to be good to their neighbours, to think of others in their community, their street. Eg whether a neighbour might need help with their shopping. Help think of ways to entertain folk in their homes, those that are self-isolating, with small children. How can they be entertained? She is encouraging callers to share their ideas and positive thoughts . Sally loves interviewing the various personalities on the ABC. (Maybe some of them will have some good ideas to share).



The evocative words “**We don’t just live in an economy, we live in a society**” had all the club members nodding their heads as Sally continued to tell us that ABC-Riverina tries to give unbiased, relevant and factual information.

She finished her talk with hopes that as this Covid19 crisis continues that the Australian population can use the opportunity to demonstrate that we are better than this way we have been in recent weeks.

Allan Duffus thanked Sally on behalf of the Club and presented her with a certificate confirming that we will immunise 10 children, somewhere in the world, against Polio, in appreciation of her presentation.

Club Discussion: COVID-19

Other clubs have been discussing whether to cancel meetings, and President David asked members present to have the same discussion.

Members voted for a motion that meetings be suspended until 16th April 2020.

At a Board meeting following the general meeting, this motion was adopted.

Discussion around how members could maintain contact with each other ensued.

It was decided that in the first instance, weekly editions of the Club bulletin will continue to be published. Please email any contributions (serious, humorous, interesting....) to Vicky Donoghue.

All members have access to Club members’ email addresses for easy communication. If COVID-19 matters in Wagga change prior to 16th April, members will be contacted.

President David has sent an email out to all members regarding this decision.

THE WEEK IN PICTURES:-



Help us

stop the spread

-  **Clean your hands thoroughly** for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand rub.
-  **Cover your nose and mouth** when coughing and sneezing with a tissue or a flexed elbow. Put the tissues in the bin.
-  **Avoid close contact** with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.
-  **Stay home** if you are sick.

health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus



If you have a **fever, cough, sore throat** or **shortness of breath** and you have been **overseas** in the last 14 days



Please call your doctor or **healthdirect (1800 022 222)**



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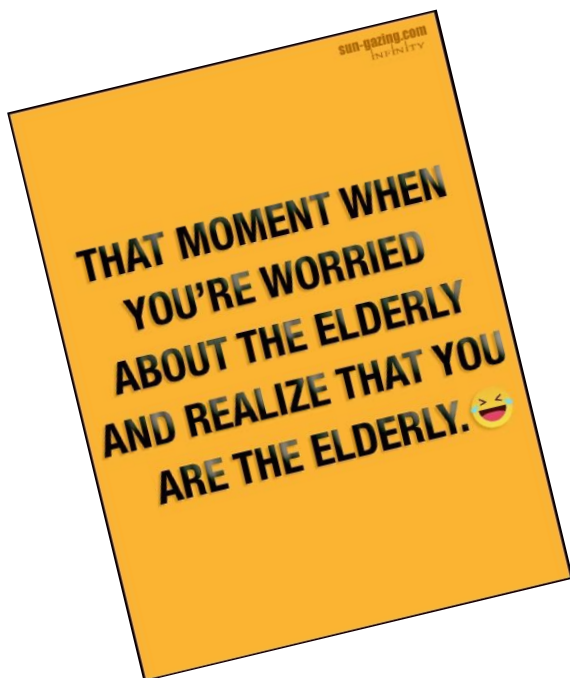
- ~~20-22nd March 2020~~ ~~Final D9700 Conference (Temora).~~
- ~~28th March~~ ~~Wollundry Rotary's Food & Wine Festival.~~
- 3rd June 2020 Catering At Lilier Lodge. (Casserole Night) TBC
- ~~6-10th June 2020~~ ~~Rotary International Convention — Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.~~
- 17-18 October 2020 (?) Wagga Rotary BOOK FAIR.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(22-28 March)

- Birthdays: Lyn Hutchinson (28/3)
- Rotary Anniversaries: Karel Bijker (27/03/2008)
- Wedding Anniversaries: nil

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Best wishes to the Page household.... 2 weeks of self-isolation for Joan and her sister after returning from NZ!



Don't forget to send your contributions for upcoming Bulletins to Vicky by Thursday each week!!