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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?

**APRIL IS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH**

**BULLETIN NO: 37**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2020.**

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

Hi members 😊

Every day this week I have been communicating with and sending best wishes to many who are ‘front-line’ in this crisis. I find myself applauding the efforts of all the people who are working hard to keep us all safe and ‘afloat’. From my position ‘well behind the lines’ on ‘Glenoak Island’, I am deeply appreciative of each and every effort that is being made. As I sit here thinking about what to include in this Bulletin, I have ScoMo for company..... he is addressing the nation in one of his daily reports. Whilst our politics may not always align, I have the highest admiration for his dedication to leading our country at this time.

**\*Just be careful** because people are going crazy from being in isolation!

Actually, I've just been talking about this with the microwave and toaster while drinking coffee and all of us agreed that things are getting bad.

I didn't mention anything to the washing machine as she puts a different spin on everything.

Certainly not to the fridge as he is acting cold and distant.

In the end the iron calmed me down as she said everything will be fine, no situation is too pressing.

The vacuum was very unsympathetic... told me to just suck it up, but the fan was more optimistic and hoped it would all soon blow over!

The toilet looked a bit flushed when I asked its opinion and didn't say anything, but the door knob told me to get a grip. 😊

The front door said I was unhinged and so the curtains told me to .....yes, you guessed it.....pull myself together.

I hope this bulletin finds you all well and safe, and that you find perhaps a small ray of sunshine peeping from under the cloud of COVID-19.

Look after yourselves and keep smiling. 😊

Vicky.

(\*I stole some of this from the internet! 🤖)

## *From the President.*

Dear Rotarians

I trust you continue to be well and in touch with each other. Catherine and I are home and getting new daily structures in place, starting with a long walk each day, even in the very welcome rain.

While these times are challenging, there are opportunities also. Thanks for all the contributions to help Vicky with this terrific weekly Crow About.

David Cannon and Philip Cross are both safely back home after medical sojourns in Sydney, and are grateful for the contacts from members. Keep up the contacts!

I have received the following notice from District Secretary Phil Nokes:

*Dear Presidents and Secretaries, On behalf of the District Governors of 9700 (John McKenzie) and 9710 (Pete Ford) as well as the District Governor Nominee, Leo Farrelly, I am pleased to announce that PP Geraldine Rurenga of the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Murrumbidgee has been selected as the District Governor Nominee Designate. Ms Rurenga received support from an interview panel of experienced Rotarians following a process of nomination and interview. The next step in the process (according to Rotary International) provides for a period of time for challenges. The process is as follows: Clubs in the district are notified of the selected nominee and the deadline announced for receipt of any challenge to the candidate.*

*Please note:*

- *Period for challenge is open until 13 April 2020*
- *Any questions or challenges to 9705 DGE Michael Moore AM [mooredg9705@gmail.com](mailto:mooredg9705@gmail.com)*

Geraldine represents a quantum leap for Rotary in terms of generational change! She has played an active role in District training in recent times, hence has a strong feel for how Rotary must continue to evolve. And, being from Wagga Wagga, she can lift Rotary's profile right here. I am keen for us to encourage her.

Separately, I will forward details of our new District Constitution and ByLaws.

### An Idea

It is about money, and I hesitate, but it is a suggestion only. I note that Wagga Sunrise has the same idea.

While we cannot meet, each member is saving at least \$25 per week (plus drinks and fines), with little opportunity for alternate spending. It is also difficult for us to fundraise. Perhaps, and only perhaps, you could consider re-directing some savings to our club's Service Account. Or to the Foundation. Please think about it. Comments are invited.

Finally, I am looking forward to this week's Crow About, and hope you are too.

Keep well and wash your hands!

David Friedlieb

*Photo above shows David and Catherine with their new grandson Samuel, whom they were able to meet before 'social distancing' became a thing. Congratulations!! He's gorgeous!!*



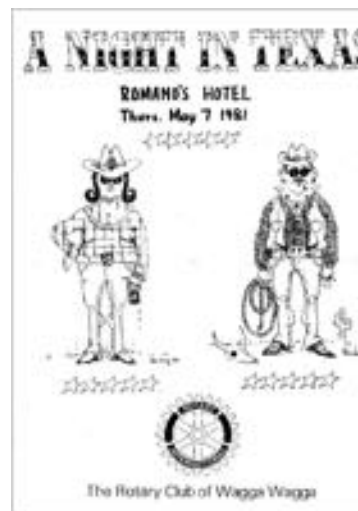
## **Vale Peter Macneil**



The Daily Advertiser last week reported on the recent death of a former prominent member Dr Peter Macneil OAM. Prof. Macneil passed away on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March at the age of 90 years. He was President of our Club in 1980/81 and remained a member for some years after that. A prominent surgeon of the town, he was also a very keen muso, and around that time he was among several musos in the club, as we have today, and they added a lot of fun to functions, including some special ones such as the one pictured here, which fell in his year as President.

A private funeral was held, with a memorial service to be held when conditions allow.

*(Thanks to Gerry Page for the heads-up and the archive photos)*



## **Bit's n Pieces from/about members**

From **Mike Murray**:

I'd like to update the members on the health of **Honorary Member Phil Jackson**. I phoned Phil and had lengthy conversations with him last Tuesday and yesterday.

Phil is in his mid eighties and has failing memory. He is recovering from a fall that has left him battered and bruised. Ruth has been released from hospital after a period of high blood pressure.

Phil's brother Denny died a fortnight ago. Denny is well known to most of the Club members as he attended Club meetings whenever came over from England to visit Phil and his family. During one of those visits Denny was "set up" in a plan involving Graeme Callander, Terry Mecham, Phil and myself. The idea was to garner the support of the club members to kick all poms out of the Club. After several minutes of anti pommy banter (with Phil and I fighting back) Denny stood up from the table, expressed his disappointment with the Club members and started to walk out. I have never seen Graeme and Terry move so fast as they caught Denny just before he left the building.

Phil's daughter Sue is now living at the Jackson's. I spoke to Sue and popped round to see her with a few photos of Phil and I wearing England shirts plus a photo of Phil, Denny, Bernie Hinchcliffe (past Rotarian who was holding a tablet of soap) and myself drinking beer in my pool several years ago. She was over the moon.

From **Philip Cross**:



With my 8 days in Prince of Wales Private I would like to say how much I appreciate the support I have received with help, assistance and messages. My spinal operation went to plan and the Surgeon was happy with the outcome, so now I have to do lots of walking.

We have such a great group of people in Rotary and we are such a unique and caring Club. It was only last Thursday that my Surgeon allowed me to fly home and the attached picture shows that I complied with the Social distancing rules. With 10 passengers and 4 crew, the flight only took 55 minutes.

Regards,  
Philip

## A reminder.....

Daylight savings concludes (FINALLY!!!) this weekend.... put your clocks back an hour on Saturday evening to extend that isolation party you're having, or alternatively enjoy an extra hour's sleep-in on Sunday!!

## From the Past:-

The article below appeared in our very own bulletin almost exactly 43 years ago..... great timing for April Fools Day which this year seemed to slip by without even a whimper.



**25th March, 1977**

**Bulletin No. 38**

Have you noticed the recent activity around the Court House clock? If you haven't, go and have a look. It is a well-kept secret that Australia is changing over to metric time. Wagga has been selected as the initial area to serve as a pilot study for the rest of the country. Our observant reporter noticed the workman on the clock face and recorded the exclusive snapshot at left.

It is expected that the clock will change over its operation in conjunction with the Daylight saving changeover and by this Sunday morning, we will be geared to a ten-hour day, a ten-day week, ten-month year.

No doubt there will be a rush on suppliers of the new metric time pieces, so we recommend that you start enquiries immediately so as not to be caught out of step.

Most of the horological merchants have under-the-counter stock ready for the rush.

Don't delay — buy yours NOW!

## Raffle Winner

Again members' names were placed in the cyber-ice-bucket, and a lucky winner was drawn at random. This week's prize was won by **Bruce Heydon**, who chose to convert his prize to beer. I happily obliged, and enjoyed an icy cold one on your behalf Bruce.... but I chose *Old*. (Sorry Bruce, I know it's not your favourite!!) Cheers!



## Short and Sweet



Copy and paste this into your browser.

<https://youtu.be/E1QoFSQ50H0> .

A break from COVID-19 overload.


## **'The View from a Social Distance.....' (Finesmaster)**

Unscrew the lid of your 'fines jar' and be ready to kick in if:

\*you **forgot that it was April Fools' Day** on Wednesday.

Pay more if you **forgot it was Wednesday on Wednesday!!**

\*you **remembered to fool someone** on Wednesday, because doing that to probably the only person you're 'confined to the house' with is a low act!!!

\*you **can't identify** who is in this photo:   
Contribute double if you are one of the people in this photo!



And one contributed by Alf Barzen who took the time to send it to me by snail mail (he doesn't have internet):

A person well known to Alf visited his doctor for a monthly check-up. The doctor said to his patient 'Your liver results are surprising considering I only allow you one glass of wine a week.' The patient shrugged and said 'Do you really think you are the only doctor I'm going to?'

Cough up if you

- a) Don't know the patient's name. (Hint: It is a Rotarian!)
- b) Are guilty of doing a similar trick.

Pay double if the answer is 'No' to any question.

*(Looking for members who are willing/able to submit a 'finesmaster' or 'short & sweet' segment for future issues please!)*

## **Guest Speaker**

This week's speaker is then-RI Secretary John Hewko talking on "Rotary and Innovation" at the 2019 International Assembly which was held in San Diego, California from 13<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019. His inspirational talk encourages Rotary members to 'think outside the box' regarding membership and meetings. Copy and paste the link into your browser. Worth a listen.

<https://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/stories/2019-international-assembly-videos>



## **Postscript to last week's Bill Gates video....**

Here is a link to some wise words entitled "What is the Corona/Covid-19 virus really teaching us?" which have gone viral (pardon the pun!) this last week.... they have been attributed to Bill Gates, but this is not proven. The words are food for thought.

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/2020/4/2/21205980/coronavirus-bill-gates-covid-19-fake-open-letter>

## **Boredom Busters**

Each week I hope to bring you suggestions for things you might do to help ease the days of 'distancing'. Here are some suggestions:

\* Peter Smart challenges you to find 60+ songs suggested in the following graphic.



If you need a clearer image, here is the link to the artist's site:

<http://www.pello.co.uk/blog/song-illustration-poster/>

When you think you've found as many songs as you can, the site has a playlist of the first 60+ songs featured in the picture. Peter said he found 'at least half a bucketful'. How did you go??

## **Boredom Busters (continued)**

\*Take yourself on a virtual holiday. Taronga Zoo has launched a *virtual zoo* due to the COVID-19 shutdown. It's called Taronga TV. There is a link on the Taronga Zoo page (taronga.org.au). You can tune in to see your favourite animals, meet friendly zookeepers and learn what goes on behind the scenes at Taronga. Cameras roll day and night.

\*Listen to a podcast. Plenty to choose from. One of my favourites is a series called 'No Such Thing As A Fish'. Good, funny light listening, from some of the people responsible for *QI*. Or try 'The Eleventh' which is about the dismissal of the Whitlam government in 1975..... where were you when that happened???

*If you have any suggestions, please let me know!!*

\*Bingewatch something. Suggestions:

*World on Fire* is a war drama series of 7 episodes. It follows the hidden lives of ordinary people from Britain, Poland, France, Germany and the USA during World War II. (Foxtel)

*Ozark* is an American crime drama series (3 seasons of 10 episodes each). A financial adviser drags his family from Chicago to the Missouri Ozarks, where he must launder \$500 million in five years to appease a drug boss. (Netflix)

*Back In Time For Dinner* follows an Australian family as it travels through time to discover how we lived, beginning in the 1950's, with an episode dedicated to every decade since then. (ABC iView)

*Secret Bridesmaids' Business* is a six part Australian miniseries. A young woman's wedding turns deadly after one of her bridesmaids unknowingly invites a malevolent stranger into their lives, triggering a deadly chain reaction that blows open a hidden world of secrets. (7Plus)

\*Clean the grout between your bathroom tiles. (Is anyone that desperate yet??)

\*Jigsaw puzzle apps for ipad: *Real Jigsaw* (RTZ Games) or *Jigsaw Puzzles* (M2H Game Studio) both have good free components.

\**AlphaOmega* (borderleap) is a good app for crossword lovers. 96 free levels should keep you occupied!!

*What are you getting up to?? Let me know for future bulletins.*

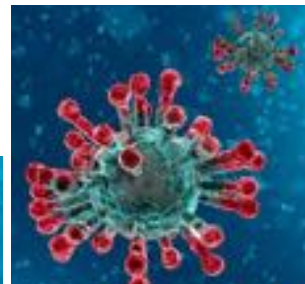
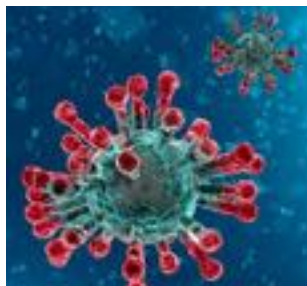
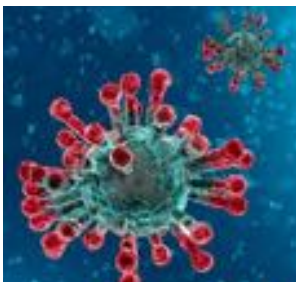
## **New segment: Exercise and Fitness.**

Put it in your browser and join in!!

(You'll need it if you've followed all the suggestions above).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLBxNnyFVHQ>

## **THE WEEK IN PICTURES:-**



**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -**

(5<sup>th</sup> —11<sup>th</sup> April)

**Birthdays:** Nepal Ghosh (6/4), David Wynne (10/4)

**Rotary Anniversaries:** nil

**Wedding Anniversaries:** nil



**KOOKABURRA**

*This is a COVID-free zone (this week)..*



A busy night at Stonehenge as workers move all the stones back one hour.....

