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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?

SPECIAL ANZAC EDITION

BULLETIN NO: 40

Thursday 23rd April, 2020.

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

	Date: Thursday 30 th April	Thursday 7 th May	Thursday 14 th May
SHORT & SWEET:	John Heazelwood	David Cannon	Ellen Brasier
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In order to create a variety of items for this bulletin I'm asking that the members rostered please send me something suitable for publication.....similar to what you would present at a meeting. Please **send by Thursday** of each week. It doesn't need to be COVID related; in fact, it would be great to enjoy something different!! I am happy to format your work. Thank you in advance for your efforts.

Anzac Day has always been special to me. Several reasons for that..... a big reason is that it's my dad's birthday. He was born in 1927 in the Netherlands. He lived through the effects of the depression as a young child, and experienced German occupation during World War II as a teenager. He served as part of the Dutch Armed Forces in Indonesia in the post-war period. He never failed to tell us that his (and mum's) decision to make a new life in Australia in 1952 was the 'most wonderful leap of faith'. He became the most patriotic Australian I know. And sharing his birthday with the remembrance of those who serve was important to him. Anzac Day tradition for us was always Dawn Service, watch the march, and then a BBQ for dad's birthday. My parents passed away a few years ago now, but our family tradition still continues each Anzac Day. This year circumstances dictate that our family will mark Anzac Day and dad's special day very differently. I will be in my driveway at dawn with a candle, and if the conditions are right, I might just hear the bugler at Kapooka calling us all to pause and reflect. No march to watch, no family for a BBQ. Happy 93rd birthday dad! It will be an Anzac Day to remember. *Lest We Forget.*

From the President.

Greetings everybody,

It's now 5 weeks since we met, and I sincerely hope that you are all well and in good spirits. Have you used the time to venture into new areas? Have you caught up with your reading? Please let us know.

Last night the Board held its 2nd meeting using the Zoom platform. I am pleased to report that all 10 Board members were present, including 9 on Zoom and 1 participating by phone, and all were exceedingly well behaved. I love the mute control!

We decided that we will try to have a whole Club Zoom meeting. I really want some feedback about this, and it will be important to work out some protocols around the process. **I am proposing we try in 2 weeks time 7th May at 6.30.** I will get a Zoom invitation out to all members with an email address before then. Please let me know if you would prefer not to participate via Zoom.

The Board's impression last night is that there is a good level of ongoing contact between members, but we can't be certain about everybody. **Please keep an eye out and let me know if anyone needs a boost. Also, if you yourself want a hand, please get in touch.**

We will keep reviewing the Covid-19 restrictions and be ready to get going again when we can. In the meantime, **please thank Vicky** for the wonderful job she is doing with our Crow About, and keep up the material for her.

A couple of weeks ago I mentioned that we were considering a Hand Sanitiser project outside supermarkets and other areas. After some research, we have decided not to proceed, for now at least. Please keep an eye out, as sanitiser might become part of our new way of life, and we could re-visit the project then.

As we are not able to raise funds via our Book Fair, we have deferred any major gifting until next year. At the May Board meeting, we will consider some minor support for our regular Rotary causes.

We also are thinking about the Changeover process, and will look at how other Clubs are proceeding too. Our Changeover is set for 25th June. David Payne advises he is becoming quite excited about taking over, but he would be delighted if we can **identify a successor for 2021-22 year.** Please think about it and offer suggestions. A rewarding experience!

Last night we settled on 3 non-Rotarians to be awarded Paul Harris Fellow status. More to come.

Finally, **please go to our Club website at waggarotary.org** and check it out. It is bright and fresh, and all ready for your suggestions.

All the best, enjoy our lovely Autumn.

David



ROTARY PEACE CENTERS

Dear Club President,

We have two months left to recruit qualified candidates for the 2021-22 Rotary Peace Fellowship and we need your help!

As club president, you play a critical role in communicating information about Rotary Peace Centers programs to potential candidates in your network. Clubs also play an important role in coaching candidates and helping them connect to districts for endorsement. We encourage you to use and share these resources:

- Send personalized emails with the fellowship announcement to contacts within your network.
- Do you know someone who could benefit from our program? Submit their name and email in our referral form and we'll follow up with them.

Candidates have until 31 May to submit applications to their district. Districts must submit endorsed applications to The Rotary Foundation by 1 July. General inquiries regarding the fellowship program may be sent to rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org.

We thank you for your dedication to the Rotary Peace Centers and your continuous support in educating the Rotary network about the fellowships!

Sincerely,
Rotary Peace Centers

Rotary Peace Centers – your investment in action

The image shows a Facebook post from Rotary District 9700 and a promotional banner for a Rotary COVID-19 Livestream Telethon. The Facebook post includes a text update about supporting districts with special grants for COVID-19 projects and a live event announcement for a one-hour global telethon to raise funds for disaster response grants. The banner features the Rotary logo, the text "COVID-19 #RotaryResponds", and the event details: "LIVESTREAM TELETHON SATURDAY 2 MAY 10:00 A.M. CHICAGO 4:00 P.M. LONDON / LAGOS 8:30 P.M. DELHI facebook.com/rotary".

Anzac Contributions from members:- Don Pembleton

On the morning of 25 April 1915, Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the allied expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula. The stated objective was to open the Dardanelles to the allied navies, thus facilitating the capture of Constantinople (now Istanbul) which was the capital of the Ottoman Empire – a German ally. These troops were referred to as 'ANZACS', an abbreviation for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, and the pride they took in that name lives on to this day.

With subsequent operations undertaken by Australian & New Zealand forces, the 25th April (Anzac Day) is designated the day upon which we pay homage to all those who currently serve, or have served in our armed forces – and especially those who served in a war zones and those killed in operations.

Past Members of the Wagga Wagga Rotary Club have served in our armed forces over the years and unfortunately the detail of many who served in earlier conflicts is not recorded in our Club archives. In recent years however we do have knowledge of Club members who served in war zones; the following come to mind: -

- **Kieran Jackel** was an active member of our Club whilst he was posted as a Company Commander at 1RTB Kapooka. Our most recent information is that he remains a serving member of the Royal Australian Engineers (RAE). Kieran served in Afghanistan. Information on RAE is available at: <http://www.raefoundation.org.au/>
- **Ron Ducie** (PHF PP 01/02) had a long and distinguished military career. Ron passed away in 2018. As a young captain in 1965, Ron held the post of adjutant of the First Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (1RAR). When the USA committed its 173rd Airborne Brigade to the defence of the Bien Hoa Airbase in South Viet Nam (SVN) it looked for support from its allies, our Government sent 1RAR. Thus 1RAR was one of our earliest Australian units to serve in SVN. A short history of 1RAR's activities in SVN during that tour of duty is available at: <https://www.1rar.org.au/vietnam-1965-66/>

Bernie Hinchcliffe also served as a member of 1RAR when the battalion was attached to ANZUK Force, Singapore in 1969/70. ANZUK was a tripartite force formed by Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom to defend the Asian Pacific region against terrorist threats. 1RAR was headquartered at Selarang Changi, Singapore, and Bernie undertook most of his soldiering in Malaya (now Malaysia).

Members known to have served overseas during WW2 included: -

- **Arthur Nixon** (SP PP 85/86)
- **Bill Ellis** (PHF)
- **Colin Knott** (PHF)
- **Jack Skeers** (PHF PP 60/61)
- **Eric Morton** (PHF [served with UK Forces])



*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

'THE MICE OF MORESBY'

The 53/55 militia battalions were both from rifle battalions from Sydney at the outbreak of WW2 and being militia, or CMF they were not allowed to serve outside Australian sovereign territory.

My father was an infantry officer in the 53rd militia battalion. In late 1942 they were training near Bathurst with the 55th militia battalion as a combined force in preparation for deployment to Darwin. Before Xmas they returned to Sydney and were stationed at Moore Park. By midnight on Xmas day everyone had to be accounted for and equipped. On 28 Dec 1942 they boarded the RMS Aquatania thinking they were going to Darwin. On Board were the 53rd and 39th (Victorian) battalions, but instead of going to Darwin they sailed for Port Moresby.



Dad's medals including PNG clasp

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Dad : First bath Porenbada 1942

Their role in Port Moresby was to set up defences against a Japanese invasion and unload all the supply ships as they arrived. The 55th arrived in May 42 to assist and when word came through of the Japanese landings on the north coast of PNG Maroubra force was formed and the 39th bn from Victoria were better trained so they were the first sent up the Kokoda Track to encounter the Japanese. Some of the 55th were sent to Milne Bay and the remainder stayed in Port Moresby unloading ships etc. As Port Moresby was regularly being bombed and the troops would run for cover in their dugouts, they became known by Tokyo Rose as the "Mice of Moresby".

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Once the AIF arrived, relieving the militia battalions, the 53rd and 55th battalions were reunited as one unit and prepared for the Buna, Gona and Sanananda campaigns to rid PNG of the Japanese. At the conclusion of these battles the battalions returned to Qld where they trained for the landings on Bouganville, Rabaul and New Britain. The 53rd battalion was disbanded in 1946 and my dad went back to being a clerk with W D and HO Wills.



How to while away the time: ash tray dad made from an anti-tank round and a .303 round.

The ANZAC On The Wall

A poem by Jim Brown.

In Jim Brown's words....

It started when I was a TV journalist preparing to travel to Gallipoli for the 75th anniversary of the landing [1990]. I went to Canberra to gather photographic support for a TV documentary, and while in the archives of the Canberra War Memorial Museum a lovely old man put a box of letters before me. The letters were untraceable and had no addresses. They were written to and from the war front and I was entranced by them. I was not allowed to take them away, but I made notes. This was a long time before I became a bush poet.



The final cog in the wheel was..... when I went into an antique shop and saw a photograph of a light horseman on the wall. For some reason I still can't explain I had to have it, and started writing a poem based on the question 'who was he?' This was the first or shorter version of the poem.

I later revisited my notes of the letters and incorporated them into the longer poem. What struck me in the letters was the untold suffering of Australians waiting at home, and how many mothers and fathers knew intuitively that they had lost a loved one on the other side of the world. Those close to the land seemed to know from signs of nature, and these are in the poem.

It is a lengthy poem.

To **hear** it: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RWC4y_6ha1I



To **read** it: https://iwvpa.net/brownj/the_anzac_s.php (shorter version)

https://iwvpa.net/brownj/the_anzac_l.php (longer version)



Anzac Contributions from members:- Mike Murray



Thomas Moore (born 30 April 1920), known as **Captain Tom**, is a former British Army officer known for his philanthropic work.

Moore served in India and the Burma campaign during the Second World War. He later became an instructor in armoured warfare. After the war, he worked as managing director of a concrete company and was an avid motorcycle racer.

On 6th April 2020, at the age of 99, he began to walk around his garden in aid of NHS Charities Together during the COVID-19 pandemic, with the goal of raising £1,000 by walking 100 laps of his garden before his hundredth birthday.



To mark Moore's 100th lap, which he achieved on 16th April, the singer Michael Ball recorded a version of "You'll Never Walk Alone", featuring Moore's spoken words.

Watch it here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LcouA_oWsnU

By 23rd April Captain Tom had raised over £28 million and had won the hearts of the British people. He was presented with a Pride of Britain award.

Here is just one of many tributes:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LiECYd0KBU>



Which Club Member Is This???.



Pictured on Anzac Day 1962.

The answer is at the end of this Bulletin!!

Guest Speaker

(Suggested by Alf Barzen)

Before entering politics, **John Gorton** served as a pilot in the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) during the 1939–45 war. Twice forced to crash-land his aeroplane, first at Singapore and then in New Guinea, he also survived the sinking of his rescue ship when it was torpedoed.

After the war, Gorton returned to the Kerang orchard which his wife Bettina had been running while raising their three young children. On 3 April 1946, at a welcome home for returned servicemen and women from the district, he made this speech.

The Australian dubbed this 'Australia's best unknown political speech'. (Sadly, we can only read it, as there is no audio record.)



There has been a good deal of confusion of thought as to why we went to war, and as to what we can reasonably expect as the result of our military victory.

We did not go to war to make a new and better world. We cannot expect to make a new and better world as the result of the exercise of brute military force. We can only expect to achieve the kind of world we want by the use of brains and effort during peace.

We fought only to preserve for ourselves and our children, that concept of political freedom and justice which was attacked by a tyrannous power. We succeed in that defence. Yet, I have heard not only civilians but returned soldiers say that because the world is not better, but worse, therefore the war was fought in vain. That it was a futile thing without reason or result, and that all the suffering which it entailed was wasted.

It was not wasted. We got what we went after. We retained a system of government in which we, the people, choose our governors, dismiss them when we wish, and have a voice in our own destiny. We retained a conception of justice in which the humblest one amongst us has equal rights before the law with the head of the State. We believed those principles were worth defending, not because in themselves they provided all that could be desired for human happiness, but because we believed that we could only advance to a full and satisfying life for all if we retained the freedom on which to build.

A foundation is not a house, but without a foundation you cannot build an enduring structure. That we have retained the foundation is the answer to those who claim that the war was futile.

It is now, in the peace, that we must make our advances. I believe that the returned serviceman wishes us to secure for all men that economic freedom which we have never had, and to which all who are willing to work are surely entitled. We must remove from the minds of men the fear of poverty as the result of illness, or accident, or old age. We must turn our schools into institutions which will produce young men and women avid for further education and increased knowledge.

We must raise the material standard of living so that all children can grow up with sufficient space and light and proper nourishment; so that women may be freed from domestic drudgery; and so that those scientific inventions which are conducive to a more gracious life may be brought within the means of all. We must raise the spiritual standard of living so that we may get a spirit of service to the community and so that we may live together without hate, even though we differ on the best road to reach our objectives. And we must do all this without losing that political freedom which has cost us so dearly, and without which these tasks cannot be accomplished.

Outside Australia peace has set us tasks as hard. All around us we see a world living in the gloom of half peace, in the immediate agony of starvation and disease, and in the shadow of a future atomic world, whether we like it or not.

And what affects the world, will affect us. We must do our most to alleviate the immediate suffering, and we must take our place in the world, not as a self-sufficient, sealed-off unit, but as a member of a family, the members of which are dependent the one upon the other.

We must do this. For no person of susceptibility, no soldier who has seen his comrades killed, no Christian, above all no mother with grown children can stand idly by and see the chance which we have once more won, once more wasted.

This is why I demand of you, in the name of the dead and the returned, that you do not consider this war a task finished, that you do not regard this celebration as the last chapter in the book. Look at it rather as half time. A joyful occasion, certainly, but only a break in the continuous task. For tomorrow we must carry on again, and the tasks that lie in front of us are immense and urgent as never before.

What can we do? Individually it may not be much. But we can at least think on the problems which are in front of us and be ready to act on our thoughts if the opportunity arises. We can try to best reason out how we may best take our place in the family of nations, and how we may best provide a full and satisfactory life for all our citizens.

We can practise tolerance and understanding. And we can be ready always to defend against attacks, either from within or without, the political freedom, the measure of freedom which we already have.

It will be hard. Without the spur and urgency of a war, it will mean a constant effort from all of us. But I am going to call on your imaginations.

I want you to forget it is I who am standing here. And I want you to see instead Bob Davey. And behind him I want you to see an army; regiment on regiment of young men, dead. They say to you, burning in tanks and aeroplanes, drowning in submarines, shattered and broken by high explosive shells, we gave the last full measure of devotion. We bought your freedom with our lives. So, take this freedom. Guard it as we have guarded it, use it as we can no longer use it, and with it as a foundation, build. Build a world in which meanness and poverty, tyranny and hate, have no existence. If you see and hear these men behind me - do not fail them.



From Our Past:-

This is an article found by Don Pembleton.

It appeared in the Wagga Daily Advertiser on Wednesday 26th April 1933.

For those who are finding it difficult to read (most of us!!), here is a transcript:

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UPCOMING EVENTS:-

Thursday 7 May 2020, 6.30p.m: Wagga Rotary Club ZOOM MEETING.

THE WEEK IN PICTURES:-



LEST WE
FORGET

Suggested boredom busters:

- Sydney Opera House site <https://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/digital.html> has a wealth of entertainment available for FREE! Their “Digital Season” of performances, podcasts and interviews is outstanding, with live performances streamed each week, or you can watch them at your leisure later.
- *Word Calm* is a fun crossword puzzle app for your device.
- *Rummicub* is an app which allows people in different locations (who also have the app!) to play a game together.
- *Logic Pic* and *Picture Cross* are similar apps which are good time-wasters.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(26th April—2nd May)

Birthdays: Captain Tom Moore 30/4/1920

Rotary Anniversaries: David Payne 30/04/2009

Wedding Anniversaries: Graham & Jenny Gorrel (30/4)

KOOKABURRA



Two crows were flying along slowly minding their own business enjoying the scenery, when all of a sudden out of the blue an F/A-18E/F Super Hornet goes screaming past, barely missing the now somersaulting, and wildly flapping crows.

"Oh my God!" exclaims one crow in surprise. "He was sure moving!"

The other crow replies: "I reckon you would be too if you had two backsides and both of them were alight!"

The Sergeant-Major growled at the young soldier: "I didn't see you at camouflage training this morning."

"Thank you very much, sir."

A famous Admiral and an equally famous General were fishing together when a sudden storm hit. When it died down both renowned warriors were struggling helplessly in the water.

The Admiral floundered his way back to the boat and pulled himself painfully in. Then he fished out the General, using an oar.

Catching his breath, he puffed: "Please don't say a word about this to anyone. If the Navy found out I can't swim I'd be disgraced."

"Don't worry," the general said. "Your secret is safe. I'd hate to have my men find out I can't walk on water."

The Chief of Staff of the US Air Force decided to personally recruit some pilots and he saw two young twins.

He looked at the first young man and asked: "Son, what skills can you bring to the Air Force?"

The young man looks at him and says: "I'm a pilot!"

The General gets all excited, turns to his aide and says: "Get him in today, all the paper work done, everything, do it!"

The aide hustles the young man off. The General looks at the second young man and asks: "What skills to you bring to the Air Force?"

The young man says: "I chop wood!"

"Son," the general replies: "We don't need wood choppers in the Air Force, what do you know how to do?"

"I chop wood!"

"Young man," huffs the general, "You are not listening to me, we don't need wood choppers, this is the 20th century!"

"Well," the young man says, "You hired my brother!"

"Of course we did," says the general, "He's a pilot!"

The young man rolls his eyes and says: "So what! I have to chop it before he can pile it!"



Did you guess correctly?? It was Don Pembleton !