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

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**BULLETIN NO: 41.**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2021.**

**APRIL IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH 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 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	Book Fair Organisation	Book Fair Set-Up Kyeamba Smith Hall	Book Fair Debrief
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Vicky Donoghue Margaret Keys	Karel Bijker	Karel Bijker Shishir Bhengra
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	Karel Bijker	not required	Mike Murray
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	Peter Olson	not required	Lyndal Seymour
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	not required	not required	not required
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	not required	not required	not required
<b>BULLETIN REPORTER:</b>	Ellen Brasier	Don Pembleton	Gerry Page
<b>MEETINGS:</b>			

**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:** Thirty-two members were welcomed by President David, who proposed the usual toast to get us under way. Our speaker for the evening, Stina Constantine, was still en route from a work commitment as the meeting commenced but was warmly welcomed upon her arrival.

### **Administrative Notes:**

- **Polio Fundraiser Movie Update**
  - Elaine Almond reported on a few facts about the movie Nomadland, the recent Polio Fundraiser, which recently won 3 Academy Awards. (Best Motion Picture of the Year, Best performance by an Actress in a leading role and Best Achievement in Directing).
- **RYDA**
  - This event will run in the week preceding the Book Fair and will take place at the Showgrounds. Our club has been asked to provide volunteers for **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May** from 9m til 2.30pm. Thank you to those who have volunteered their time.
- **Clontarf**
  - Mmbers rostered for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May are Lyndal Seymour and Tony Hutchinson.
- President David mentioned he had spent time at a District meeting in Temora. He was impressed by the positive impact the local Rotary Club makes on their local Community!

### **Book Fair Matters:**

*The count-down is on!! **2 Weeks** to the big event.*

- **Rosters** were circulated at Thursday night's meeting and may not have got to everyone. A copy of this roster was sent to members in the same email as this Bulletin. If you are not listed, check what shifts you can do and fill it on the sheet which will be recirculated at the next meeting. If you won't be there, let Gerry know by email so he can list.
- Also attached is the **Book Fair Poster and Flyer**. Print a poster for your car or to post in a shop window and send to anyone on your contacts list etc. Maybe print a few copies of the Flyer and drop at the coffee shop etc. It all helps remind folk that the Fair is on!
- The mechanics of the Book Fair are all in place – Books, Transport, Machinery etc.
- Due to Covid and some changes to the way we will be doing things, good attendances from our members will be vital.
- Signage is going up around the town this weekend. Sneeze barriers are needed, some promised – this will all be finalised this coming week. Advertising will be starting this weekend.
- Electronic money collection will be greatly enhanced this year. (Much speedier processing and fewer people waiting).
- **Full explanations and planning will take place at our next meeting, Thursday Night, 6<sup>th</sup> May.**



## **Farewell Darryl and Dorrice!**

For a lengthy time, Darryl and Dorrice have provided our dinners on meeting night. This was our final evening with them as they are retiring. Dorrice was called out from the kitchen and was afforded generous applause from all members present. We wish them a happy and healthy retirement.



## **Short & Sweet.**



Bruce Barber spoke about his daughter Elizabeth, a doctor, who works for Red Cross. Elizabeth studied at the University of Adelaide and has worked in Darwin and the Tiwi Islands. She went to Melbourne and qualified as an Anaesthetist. Working for Red Cross has involved Elizabeth in South Sudan and Rwanda. She climbed Kilimanjaro while Covid prevented her from returning to Australia. She is currently working some shifts at Wagga Wagga Base Hospital and may soon find herself in Afghanistan. Bruce is a very proud father!

## **Fines-Master Session.**

MaryAnn Kelly concentrated on the good things in our lives – and then proceeded to relieve all and sundry of their spare dollars! All those who had recently been in the mode of celebrating happy wedding anniversaries were asked to share. So were those who did early morning exercises. Those who have exercised their freedom to travel and freedom to dine were asked to share their good fortune. All those of us who call ourselves Rotarians were encouraged to contribute.



Covid got a mention. “I had my patience tested. I’m Negative” boasted MaryAnn. The last laugh was a good one:- Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere; makes your heart race and changes you forever. “We call those people cops” said MaryAnn. But then she asked us to examine our consciences. “If you can admit it- pay a fine if you have had “dealings” recently with the “People in Blue”!

## **Guest Speaker:**

Stina Constantine was introduced by Alan Lean. Two years ago, on Thursday 28 February 2019, Stina visited our Club and addressed the members as Miss Wagga 2019. Since then, a lot has happened.



Stina is now employed by Country Hope where she holds a responsible position. Her status as a citizen has not yet been resolved. With help from a good friend, Kelly Cross, a “Go Fund Me” online fundraiser was recently conducted where a significant sum of money was raised.



This matter is ongoing. Stina knows that she has many, many friends in the Wagga community. We all hope that the current stand-off will soon be resolved so that our friend can be welcomed as a fellow citizen.

May Justice prevail!

On behalf of our Members, Peter Murray moved the Vote of Thanks.

**Raffle Winner:** Our Guest Speaker Stina Constantine drew the Club Raffle . Gordon Sagers was the favoured one. Cheers!



**Darkness To Light Update:-**

Philip Cross (Project Manager) provided members with the following report:

The 10<sup>th</sup> Darkness to Light Camp was held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in YamunaNagar. With the Covid – 19 outbreak in March 2020 the amount of cataract operations performed were considerably less. While on Covid, the current outbreak of Infections in India are horrendous and we wish 2 of our Indian friends Alka and Sarika a speedy recovery. Alka is the wife of PDG Rajiv Bhatia whom we met in 2005 and has been the driving force in our D2L Project. Sarika organised many of our holiday adventures through Enchanting India for many of our Eye Camps and only this week said that 1 in 3 people in her street were tested positive. Rajiv has only this week been able to provide an update on the Camp statistics and submit an account for 543,270 INR about \$9,500 that will be paid for from our reserves held with RAWCS. Camp statistics were 1,500 people turned up with 982 patients, 292 glasses prescribed medicines issued to all patients for 7 days and of the 256 patients referred for cataract operations only 74 were able to be performed due to Covid.

The cost of the Camp makes for interesting comparisons to what we would have here.

Supply of a tent house, tables, chairs, mats etc for a day	\$666
Printing of posters, patient slips, badges, banners & stationary etc	\$614
Medicines for 982 patients for 7 days	79 cents each
Sugar and Blood pressure tests for 302 patients	70 cents each
Supply of 292 spectacles to patients	\$5.26 each
Provision of 2 Auto Rickshaws for advertising within a 80km radius of YamuunaNagar with driver, helper, loudspeaker and diesel for 8 days.	\$42 per day/Rickshaw
Surgeries for 64 patients including medicines and lens	\$70 each
Food for 1,500 (patients & Carers) of tea, biscuits and lunch	38 cents each



The YamunaNagar Riviera Club later paid for 10 more cataract operations to the poor as well as funding food and snacks to the Doctors and volunteers and a dinner to honour Dr Alok Sharma and in their tradition, thankyou gifts as appropriate.



**Changeover Dinners:**

Coolamon Rotary Club changeover dinner will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021. (See flyer at end of this bulletin)

**As other clubs advise of dates, this list will be updated.**

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

**15/16 May 2021      Wagga Rotary Club Book Fair**

**22 May 2021      District 9705 Club Development Seminar (Broulee)**

**30 May 2021      District 9705 Technology Training (Young)**

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

**25 November 2021      Wagga Rotary Shine Recognition Function**



**Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

(9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> May)



**Birthdays:**      Joan Page (11/5)

**Rotary Anniversaries:**      John Heazlewood (11/5/2017)

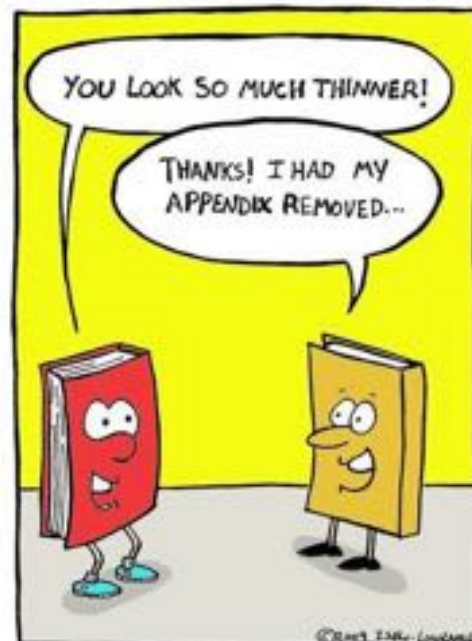
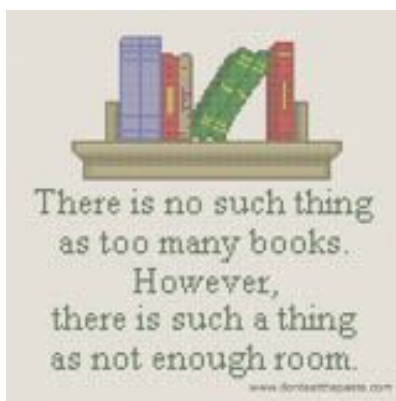
**Wedding Anniversaries:**      Peter & Vida Smart (9/5), Alok & Mena Sharma (11/5)

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**Everyone is talking about  
this new novel  
Coronavirus**

I wonder if the Wagga Rotary  
Book Fair will have a copy.



A man goes Wagga Rotary Book Fair and asks for a book on cliffhangers. The assistant says:





**50th. CHANGE OVER DINNER  
MONDAY JULY 5th. 2021  
AT THE COOLAMON SPORTS CLUB  
6.30 for 7.00pm**

*2021/2022*

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