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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: 41**

## Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2020.

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

**Duty Roster:** 

Date:	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	
SHORT & SWEET:	David Cannon	Ellen Brasier	David Wynne	
FINES-MASTER:	Gordon Saggers	Peter Smart	Mike Murray	

If you are rostered please email me something suitable for publication.....similar to what you would present at a meeting.

Deadline is **Thursday evening** of each week.

It doesn't need to be COVID related; in fact, it would be great to enjoy something different!!

Thank you in advance for your efforts.

# It's Book Fair Week!!!

Rain on the roof, winter in the air, heater cranked up, and a good book. Just one, not 50,000. Hopefully the weather will be kinder when we move all those books in October!! Because it should be our big Book Week, this week's bulletin deals with things 'literary'. I have spent a little time rounding up some quiz questions for you to puzzle over if you are bored. Thank you to our rostered contributors for Short & Sweet and Fines.

I hope this bulletin finds you all safe, warm and appropriately distant. I can't believe I haven't been to a supermarket or shop for six weeks!!

Take care, Vicky.

#### From the President.

#### **Greetings fellow Rotarians**

It's a bit miserable looking out the window, we can't get dressed up for the Wagga Cup, no Book Fair preparations, no golf today I expect, but the rain is lovely for our farmers and water storages. Perhaps even Lake Albert.

This weekend we can visualise Kyeamba Smith Hall and our Book Fair in all its usual glory. A real pity that it can't be real, my sincere thanks to all who have our stock of books "all dressed up with nowhere to go".

There hasn't been a lot to report on this week, but I do hope you are all well and continuing to adjust.

I am proceeding to plan a Club Zoom meeting for next Thursday night. Details and invitation to follow. As nobody has asked to be left out, I am presuming a large attendance (or perhaps this report is not attracting any readers!). Please come with an open mind, it will be a learning experience for all.

In fact, I am not getting much member feedback at all! I trust all is well.

Looking forward to when we meet again.

David



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## **Obituaries**

**Mary Lonsdale** (nee Page) — sister of Gerry Page — passed away peacefully at Mary Potter Nursing Home on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at the age of 91. Our sympathy goes out to Gerry and Joan and their extended family.





**June Halley**, the wife of our past Member Dr Meikle Halley (Past President 1977/1978, PHF) died on 24<sup>th</sup> April at the age of 90. Meikle was a member from 1974 until his death in 2010. Many members will have known June, and the club sends its condolences to her family.

Mike Murray has come across this rather smart poem he presented at one of this club's meetings, quite some years ago. The 'Miekle' who owned the shoes, was Miekle Halley, opthalmologist, Past President and Scotsman – a nationality which made him a target of humour about Scots thrifty behaviour.

Good one Mike.

#### A 50th Anniversary Celebration

Now I have an important address. A special day, 50th anniversary no less.

Fifty years together. What a pair.
They've travelled the world by sea and air.

On foot they've covered many a mile, Always retaining their unique style.

Although they are reasonably still well tanned, Long treks should not be planned.

The years may have taken their toll, But they compensate with plenty of sole.

And to think the original investment was half a crown, to show off, with a night on the town.

Never separated by more than a stride, even when resting they are side by side.

Although frequently tied up,

they are here tonight. One on the left and the other on the right.

Looking resplendent in suede and lace.

Not affluent, but from a well heeled base.

Attendance at thousands of Rotary meetings is not a fable, but they always seem to end up under the table.

I invite you to rise with glass in hand, to toast the finest couple in the land.

Fifty years of service, they've certainly paid their dues

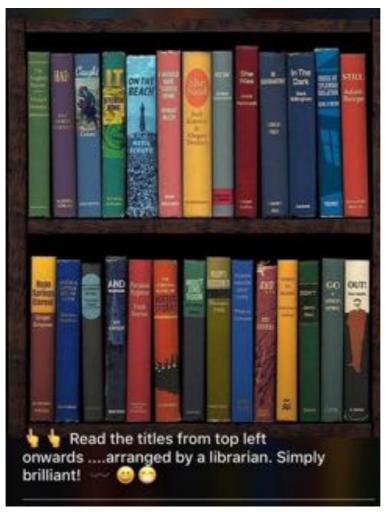
The toast is .....Meikle's shoes.





## Bits n Pieces from/about members

from David Payne...



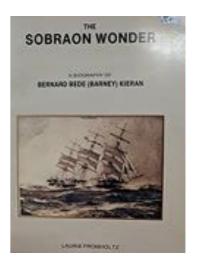
## from Peter Murray...

With a little time on my hands I took the opportunity to read the late Laurie Fromholtz's Book "The Sobraon Wonder.

What an amazing book! From what prompted Laurie write the book, to the many dedicated hours of research he and his wife Pat must have spent to gather the information.

It is really two stories in one book. The first story is about the beautiful sailing ship

"Sobraon" and how useful it became when it was retired and how it was utilised. The Second story is about the world's greatest swimmer, who held eight world records ranging from two hundred yards to a mile. One record was held jointly. I had never heard of Bernard Bede (Barney) Kieran. I have asked others and they haven't either! Yet we have heard of early Olympic Swimmers Frederick



Lane, "Boy" Charlton, Fanny Durack. I think that possibly the reason may have been because he was a Professional Swimmer. We will never ever see another person who could achieve this record.

A book really worth reading.

## **Book Fair is on this weekend**



## **BOOK FAIR**

The word went round old Wagga town with just a trace of horror
The Rotary Club of Wagga's Book Fair – won't be on tomorrer
They've got this bloody shed full, of books they want to sell
And Scomo says "I'm sorry folks, to tell you, but your Book Fair's gone to hell
It matters not if houses all around the joint, in social isolation
Would love to have a book or two to ease their frus-ter-ation
We 'Il live in hope that later on we'll hold the thing, and get the stuff all sold
And pray that all the stock out there's not rotted from the mould.

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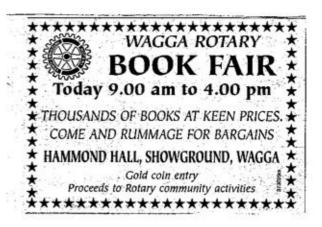
We can't bring you the Fair itself, but it's a great opportunity to share a few recollections of the Book Fair origins and early days. A local Book Fair first originated with Crisis Line, a locally based service providing a similar service to today's Lifeline. Joan Page was a Crisis Line volunteer and later Coordinator, and when the decision was taken to start a Book Fair as a fund-raiser, she was coordinator of that for some years. The first sale was held in the foyer of the Archives, where space had also been made available for book storage. The next Fairs were held in the building which we later used as a storage and sorting space,



before it was torched. A later Fair was held in the Supper Room at Kyeamba Smith, and they finally settled in the building in The Esplanade which today is Sunflower House, where they could both store and sell books. Crisis Line morphed into Lifeline, and unfortunately that organization disbanded locally in around 2000.

At that time I suggested to incoming President Don Pembleton that maybe we could take it on as a fund-

raiser. We did, and initially the donated books were stored in the garage of Alatalo Display home at Bourkelands, courtesy of then member Ian Hallam. Neil Hilpern & Gerry Page did token sorting there, but the first Fair was staged in the front section of Hammond Hall at the Showground with stock unloaded and distributed around the tables on a fairly ad hoc basis. We made around \$5000 and later that year we sold \$1000 more as part of a Hobbies & Collectibles Fair organised by Bruce Heydon and Mike Murray.





Who's this keen shopper in the Politics section in 2003??

The 2004 Fair was held in the Kyeamba Smith Supper Room. Boxes were used for the first time, and takings were \$12,000. In 2005 we moved into the main Kyeamba Smith Hall.





We ran the first "specials" table in 2004. Our great member the late Peter Walsh approaches with gems he found for that table.

A crisis emerged when a storage unit made available by Past President Kevin Power became unavailable because of his untimely death, and CSU were approached for use of a room at South Campus which had been used at one stage by Lifeline Book Fair. This provided a great home for the Fair for some years

though bringing stock in and out physically by trolley was difficult and a



nightmare when loading for the Fair.

# A favourite recollection from that era:

A team of helpers from CSU

Veterinary Course – mainly girls, who worked like trojans when the truck was loaded and unloaded box by box. The sole male was able to lift two full boxes over his head! Early book disposals were made into bins owned by the CSU and being mesh sided and in full public view, we boxed disposals so as not to attract attention. A member entered the bin and stacked boxes passed to him by others. Wish we had a photo of that, but instead, here is one of Graham Russell being disposed of in a later age. When we acquires our own bin close to the room, it arttracted dumpers, who blythly ignored the fact that it was for paper/ cardboard. On one occasion a



small fridge was dumped along with the spoiled contents – a quantity of rotten meat. We buried the meat nearby and a guy who advertised in the paper, collected the fridge. In another case, a fairly useful bike was left near our entrance – police were unable to take our report as we weren't from CSU. It disappeared very soon anyway.

**Pallet Loading.** The new storage at CSU made it possible to load onto pallets – manhandled to the door they were loaded using Chris Nash's JCB onto Crouch Transport trucks, similarly unloaded directly into the hall. What a great advance that was for us.



Yum Yum Stock Heap at CSU



Ron Crouch directing, Chris Nash loading





Sad Day – Storage torched. Thank God for the Salvos - we were homeless and they took us in. The Salvation Army gave us the use of their former Family Store premises to sort and store books where we operated successfully for some years until the move to Copland Street.

Streamlining the checkout table. The wonderful BeeDee

Bags. – Saved a huge amount of time at checkout and boosted returns. Handling sales at the checkout was fairly tortuous, with books having to be assessed individually under our pricing policy – difficult under pressure. Checking around, it transpired that different Book Fairs had a range of techniques. One, for example, used a one foot rule to assess thickness of the book heap being purchased with charging by the inch. (no kidding).



Another charged by weight. We had always given people bags to shop with, hoping this would encourage more buying: plastic ones initially. These tended to tear unless handled carefully. Our first BeeDee Bags were paper Kraft, and the sharp book edges often caused tears. Our wonderful sponsors BeeDee then offered tougher constructed bags which we now use. It was decided to trial a flat \$50 charge for a bag full, and this has been very successful - enhancing sales while taking much pressure off the Sales Desk.

## AND HERE IS WHAT WE'RE MISSING — MIND YOU, GIVEN THE WEATHER MAYBE WE'RE VERY LUCKY



THE GOOD NEWS IS:





LATER IN THE YEAR -17<sup>TH</sup> & 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

## **Short and Sweet ....** John Heazelwood

(from Fulgham R, 1994, Everything I need to know I learned in Kindergarten—Uncommon Thoughts on common Things, Harper-Collins, London)

## All I really need to know I learned in Kindergarten!

All I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate-school mountain, but there in the sandpile at Sunday School. these are the things I learned:

- Share everything.
- Play fair.
- Don't hit people.
- Put things back where you found them.
- Don't take things that aren't yours.
- Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.
- Wash your hands before you eat.
- Flush.
- Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
- Live a balanced life—learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.
- Take a nap every afternoon.
- When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.
- Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: the roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.
- Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup—they all die. So do we.
- And then remember the Dick and Jane books and the first word you learned—the biggest word of all—LOOK.

Everything you need to know is in there somewhere.

The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and equality and sane living.

Take any one of those items and extrapolate it into sophisticated adult terms and apply it to your family, your life or your work, or your government or your world and it holds true and clear and firm. Think what a better world it would be if we all—the whole world—had cookies and milk about 3 o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankies for a nap. Or if all governments had a basic policy to always put things back where they found them and then to clean up their own mess.

And it's still true, no matter how old you are—when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

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

The answers to the following questions involve names that are shared by **one or more club members** and are either real or fictional names related to the world of books.

- 1. **Who am I?** I have three sisters and my father was killed in an agricultural "incident". Beatrix Potter was very fond of me.
- 2. Julia Baird, of "The Drum", wrote a book about this monarch of the UK.
- 3. Five club members share their first name with **this title character** of a book by Charles Dickens.
- 4. "The Plot Against America", currently on Netflix, is based on this author's book.
- 5. Writing in the Nineteenth Century under the pen-name George Eliot, **this author** wrote "Middlemarch", among other novels.
- 6. **This Australian indigenous man** has fortunately ruffled some feathers with his book "Dark Emu".
- 7. "The Quiet American" is obviously not about the incumbent of The White House, but a 1955 novel set in Vietnam by **this English author**.
- 8. We've known some Johns in our club, but who wrote the "Biggles" series of books?
- 9. Margaret ......, but not a handmaid!
- 10. Mr Milne, the creator of Winnie-the-Pooh, was a bit reticent in using his Christian names. Two points for getting them both.

Put your money in the 'fines jar' if you identify your name in any of the above.

Pay up if you had to look up the answers, which appear at the end of this bulletin!

## **Guest Speaker**

Take this trip into some of the weirdest/most unusual libraries in the world....

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PeLoyrDqL\_A

Or watch a budding author spruik his book....

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w5JlqDnoqlo

### Exercise and Fitness.

Safety warning: If you intend to try this at home, do so with extreme caution!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JcadmqcEhzU

## A Reminder.....

President David will be emailing you with a link to participate in a ZOOM meeting, which is scheduled for 6.30pm Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

## Boredom Busters.

Try these book-related quiz questions: (answers at end of bulletin).

#### A. Can you match the author with the ailment they suffered???

	<u>Authors</u>		<u>Ailments</u>
1.	William Shakespeare	A.	dementia
2.	John Milton	B.	tuberculosis
3.	Jonathan Swift	C.	bipolar disorder
4.	The Bronte sisters	D.	syphilis
5.	Nathaniel Hawthorne	E.	gonorrhoea
6.	Herman Melville	F.	gastrointestinal cancer
7.	W.B. Yeats	G.	tuberculosis
8.	Jack London	Н.	scurvy, yaws, gout, kidney stones
9.	James Joyce	I.	blindness
10.	George Orwell	J.	brucellosis

#### B. WHAT DO YOU KNOW BRITISH CRIME NOVELS?

- 1. Dame Agatha Christie is best known for her detective novels centred around Hercule Poirot, but she also wrote six romance novels under a pen name. What was it? a) Mary Westmacott b) Julia Austen c) Geraldine Woodbridge
- 2. Which Scottish writer is best known for his Inspector Rebus novels?
- 3. Ruth Rendell created which police detective who made his debut in 1964's 'From Doon With Death'?
- 4. Police commander and poet Adam Dalgleish is the main protagonist in novels by which English crime writer, born in 1920?
- 5. Born in Coventry in 1954, Jim Grant has published many crime thrillers, but he is better known by his pen name, which is?
- 6. Professor Challenger is one of the lesser known characters created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Who is his most famous character?
- 7. Lindsay Gordon, Kate Brannigan, Tony Hill and Carol Jordan are all featured prominently in novels from which author, said to be part of the 'Tartan Noir' genre?
- 8. Which author, born in 1948, wrote the 'Dead' series of novels featuring Detective Superintendent Roy Grace? a) David Balducci b) John Sandford c) Peter James

#### C. NAME THE BOOKS USING THE CHARACTER AND AUTHOR CLUES:

- 1. Eddie Mars is the casino owner in which Raymond Chandler novel?
- 2. Dorothea Brooke is a major character in which book by George Eliot?
- 3. Daisy Buchanan is the love interest from which F Scott Fitzgerald novel?
- 4. Which Jane Austen novel has George Knightly and Jane Fairfax as characters?
- 5. Which book by Gabriel Garcia Marquez tells the story of the Buendia family and the town of Macondo?
- 6. In which Dickens novel do the characters of Mr Jaggers and Able Magwitch appear?
- 7. Which book by JD Salinger tells the story of Holden Caulfield?
- 8. Colonel Cathcart and General Dreedle are characters in which Joseph Heller novel?
- 9. Count Pyotr Krillovich Bezukhov appears in which Leo Tolstoy novel?
- 10. Ishmael and Queequeg are characters in which Herman Melville classic?
- 11. Vladimir Nabokov wrote this novel which has the characters Humbert Humbert and Delores Haze.
- 12. Scout, 'Boo' Radley and Atticus Finch appear in this Harper Lee novel.
- 13. Which Charles Dickens novel has the character Joe Gargery?
- 14. Elizabeth Bennett and Mr. Fitzwillian Darcy are characters in this novel by Jane Austen.
- 15. Clare Randall and Jamie Fraser steam it up in this Diana Gabaldon series of novels.

- D. Lines from Shakespeare plays are often misquoted but provide the basis for man everyday phrases. Can you name the plays that the following quotes are taken from?
  - 1. The course of true love never did run smooth.
  - 2. Alas poor Yorick! I knew him, Horatio, a fellow of infinite jest, of most excellent fancy.
  - 3. The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool.
  - 4. Now is the winter of our discontent, Made glorious summer by this sun of York
  - 5. Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more, Or close the wall up with our English dead!
  - 6. By the pricking of my thumbs, Something wicked this way comes. Double, double, toil and trouble; Fire burn, and cauldron bubble.
  - 7. I am a man more sinned against than sinning.
  - 8. The quality of mercy is not strained; It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath.
  - 9. Cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant never taste of death but once.
  - 10. What's in a name? A rose by any name would smell as sweet.
  - 11. To be or not to be; that is the question.
  - 12. All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players.
  - 13. Some are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them.
  - 14. I am the one who loved not wisely but too well.
  - 15. Cry 'havoc!' and let slip the dogs of war.
  - 16. If music be the food of love, play on.
  - 17. The better part of valour is discretion.
  - 18. The course of true love never did run smooth.
  - 19. A horse! A horse! My kingdom for a horse!
  - 20. Neither a borrower nor a lender be; for loan oft loses both itself and friend, and borrowing dulls the edge of husbandry.
  - 21. Misery acquaints a man with strange bedfellows.
  - 22. Brevity is the soul of wit.
  - 23. What light through yonder window breaks.
  - 24. Get thee to a nunnery.
  - 25. But for my own part, it was Greek to me.

#### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -**

(2nd May-9th May)

**Birthdays:** Terry Mecham (2/5), Ruth Jackson (7/5)

Rotary Anniversaries: nil

Wedding Anniversaries: Bruce & Christine Heydon (2/5), Peter & Sheila Murray (3/5)

Peter & Vida Smart (9/5)

## *KOOKABURRA*

## Any Scots in the Club?? You're in the gun this week! (Courtesy of Gerry)

McTavish broke the habit of a lifetime and bought two tickets for a raffle. One of his tickets won a 1,000 pound prize. He was asked how he felt about his big win. "Disappointed" said McTavish. "My other ticket didn't win anything"



McDougal walked into a fish and chip shop. "I want 10 pence worth of chips, please. I want lots of salt and vinegar on them and two pence worth of pickled onions. And wrap the whole lot in today's newspaper".

You should be careful about stereotyping the Scots as mean. There was a recent letter to a newspaper from an Aberdonian which said "If you print any more jokes about mean Scotsmen I shall stop borrowing your paper."

Have you heard the rumour that the Grand Canyon was started by a Scotsman who lost a coin in a ditch?

And here's this week's COVID collection ....

We hear alcohol may prevent the virus.... We hear direct sunlight might quickly kill the virus.... So, if members come across some bloke standing in the front garden naked and zonked out of his mind, leave me alone. I'm conducting important medical Courtesy of Mike Murray! research.





#### **ANSWERS:**

#### Finesmaster Answers:

- 1. Peter Rabbit
- 2. Queen Victoria
- 3. David Copperfield
- 4. Philip Roth
- 5. Mary Ann Evans
- 6. Bruce Pascoe
- 7. Graham Greene
- 8. Capt. W.E. Johns
- 9. Margaret Atwood
- 10. Alan Alexander

#### Answers Set A

- 1. D
- 2. I
- 3. A
- 4. B or G
- 5. F
- 6. C
- 7. J
- 8. H
- 9. E
- 10. B or G

#### Answers Set B

- 1. Mary Westmacott
- 2. Ian Rankin
- 3. Inspector Wexford
- 4. P.D. James
- 5. Lee Child
- 6. Sherlock Holmes
- 7. Val McDermid
- 8. Peter James

## Answers Set C

- 1. The Big Sleep
- 2. Middlemarch
- 3. The Great Gatsby
- 4. Emma
- 5. Huckleberry Finn
- 6. Great Expectations
- 7. The Catcher In The Rye
- 8. Catch-22
- 9. War and Peace
- 10. Moby Dick
- 11. Lolita
- 12. To Kill A Mockingbird
- 13. Great Expectations
- 14. Pride and Prejudice
- 15. Outlander series

#### Answers Set D

- 1. A midsummer night's dream
- 2. Hamlet
- 3. As You Like It
- 4. Richard III
- 5. Henry V
- 6. Macbeth
- 7. King Lear
- 8. The Merchant of Venice
- 9. Julius Caesar
- 10. Romeo and Juliet
- 11. Hamlet
- 12. As you like it
- 13. Twelfth night
- 14. Othello
- 15. Julius Caesar
- 16. Twelfth night
- 17. Henry IV
- 18. A midsummer night's dream
- 19. Richard III
- 20. Hamlet
- 21. The Tempest
- 22. Hamlet
- 23. Romeo and Juliet
- 24. Hamlet
- 25. Julius Caesar

