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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?

MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

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Thursday 7th May, 2020.

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

I am finding it difficult to muster up items for this bulletin so I'm asking that the members rostered please try to send me something suitable for publication. 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!! Thank you in advance for your efforts.

Date:	Thursday 14 th May	Thursday 21 st May	Thursday 28 th May
SHORT & SWEET:	Ellen Brasier	David Wynne	Graham Russell
FINES-MASTER:	Peter Smart	Mike Murray	Phillip Cross

Greetings from Glenoak Island!! How lovely it was to see all the familiar Thursday evening faces via Zoom! For our first effort I thought it went well. I hope that more members will be able to join us for our next meeting. If you had a problem, don't hesitate to reach out during the week so that you can be ready to participate next time. It is possible to participate with sound only if your equipment isn't up to the video component.

As we enter week 7 of our COVID world, it has been heartening to hear our country's leaders speaking about easing of our restrictions. We will all find ourselves living in a very different world when this is 'over'.....we will be more vigilant, more aware, more grateful for the small things.

In the meantime, the virtual companionship that a Zoom meeting offers is a wonderful step forward.

Continue to look after yourselves this week.

Stay safe.

Vicky.

From the President.

Many thanks to everybody who met together on Zoom last night, and also those who might have been trying to join. We had 27 participants which was very pleasing, had a few technical issues (I somehow muted myself!), but most importantly we had some fun together and caught up with each other.



All suggestions to enhance the process are welcome.

I will send out a fresh invitation for next week, and hope to see a few more joining us.

I raised the topic of our Club's 90th Birthday (our Charter Night was 17th May 1930), and invited suggestions of how we can acknowledge it during the current shutdown. Gerry Page and Don Pembleton have sourced some old material about the Club's commencement, and this will be included in a coming Bulletin. At this stage, we can perhaps make the Club's 90th Birthday a focus for our Changeover on 25th June 2020, assuming we can get together by then.

A reminder too that the Board is meeting on 21st May and, as this is getting close to end of year, I would like this meeting to tie up any remaining loose ends for this year. Could all Committee Chairs advise me of any items for the agenda.

It was nice to catch up last night, 7 weeks after we last met. I hope all members are doing okay and are keeping in touch with each other.

David

Apologies:-

Apologies were received from Gerry Page, David Cannon and Alf Barzen. Several other members didn't manage to join the Zoom meeting. If you had trouble logging in and haven't yet been contacted, please get in touch with someone to sort out any issues early in the week, so that you'll be ready to join on Thursday.

Bit's n Pieces....

Health Matters

David Cannon is back at work and recovering well.

Phil Cross gave the meeting a report on his recovery. He is walking regularly as part of his rehab, and is 'getting there'. It is hoped that Meryl will return home in about 3 weeks.... after a total of 13 weeks away.

Book Fair Report (Graham Russell)

Graham provided an update on the Book Fair That Wasn't. The city library closed due to the virus emergency at approximately the time we were to collect a large quantity of books from them. The library advised us not to collect. We obliged. Then just recently, they called and enquired why the books hadn't been collected. As a result, a few brave souls (Graham R, John H, Alan L and Graeme C) collected three truckloads and delivered them to the Copland Street site. There has been little other activity regarding collection, with Bruce Barber reporting that he has collected on some Fridays.

Graham suggested that perhaps our first post-COVID meeting could be at Copland Street and incorporate some social activity and book sorting. He also said that the 'Tuesday group' would need to have an afternoon sort before the Club evening to put things in order. This would all be in preparation for the Book Fair to take place on the weekend of October 17/18.

Community Visitors Scheme (Alan Lean)

This scheme is designed to assist those who feel isolated within community. In normal times it involves visitation. In these times, volunteers are communicating 'virtually' with recipients. Alan has been involved in this scheme for the past six months within Wagga, and was in the process of reaching out to include surrounding towns until COVID-19 intervened. He asked whether any members would be interested in volunteering for this program. It would involve an hour or two of your time on a regular basis. There is a training and induction program administered by the Riverina Community College. Please contact Alan directly if you are able to assist.

From The Past.... (Don Pembleton)

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Don has been spending some of his 'lockdown time' trawling through Trove. He has found a lot of interesting material regarding the origins of the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga. This article appeared in the Wagga DA on Friday 18th October 1929. (Thanks for the translation Don!!)

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(For the uninitiated, Trove is a huge database of books, diaries, government gazettes, biographical information, journals, maps, music, videos, newspapers, pictures and websites. It is administered by the National Library of Australia, and is a free resource. Find it here: <https://trove.nla.gov.au/>)

Short and Sweet (Terry Mecham)....who didn't manage to join the meeting, but sent it to Vicky for the Bulletin!! It is reproduced here in its entirety for the benefit of those who missed the Zoom meeting.

THREE MIN/TER

On the basis that this year we have been denied a long trip to head for the warm climes of our fair country, I have decided to recount one of the things that happened on one of our prior trips.

We were travelling with Fran's brother Barry and his partner Joy. We had spent a fair bit of time in the Alice Springs area. After a few days in the Alice, we headed out along the East Macdonnells to the Ross River Resort, then after a few days there, to the West Macdonnells and the Glen Helen Resort. They use the term "Resort" fairly loosely out here, and it doesn't always reflect what you might expect.

After a few more days there, we headed north of Alice for about 70 kms, to the Plenty Highway. Now this highway runs from the Stuart Highway some 745 kms east to Boulia in Queensland. Boulia is some 300 kms south of Mount Isa, and 360 kms west of Winton. About 70 kms from the Stuart Highway is The Gem Tree. This is a location where there is not a lot other than a very good caravan park, and the opportunity to fossick for garnets and zircons. It is also just before the tar road runs out. When we were there, there was not a blade of grass, but it is still a very good caravan park.

We set ourselves up, and collected a good supply of wood for our camp fire. We constructed a fireplace from rocks and set the fire to be enjoyed after dinner. On our last night there, we were sitting around the fire enjoying a lemonade and the ambience of the location, when I noticed a mouse scamper from the darkness and insert himself into the fireplace rocks, availing himself of a little warmth on a cold night. I made sure he was still there when we went to bed. He looked warm, cosy and secure.

I was a little surprised when I checked in the morning and found him still there, though a little closer to the warm coals. We were packing up to leave so we were fairly active around the camp. Every now and then we would check to see how "Marmaduke" was going, and he seemed quite comfortable.

We were nearly finished packing, and we were getting closer to Marmaduke, when he decided he would make a run for wherever he came from. Bad Decision !!

Out from under our van, on the wing and doing a good 100 kph, appeared a magpie, grabbed Marmaduke and headed off into the wilderness. I am sure that I heard him say "Hello Breakfast" as he flew away.

It was nature at its best, but it was a little sad. We consoled ourselves with the thought that Marmaduke had at least enjoyed a warm and safe last night. Makes you wonder about snappy decisions though.

A reminder.....

Zoom meeting again next week. President David will email you the link. Join the meeting after 6pm so you are up and running for the meeting to start at 6.30p.m. Maybe everyone could experiment with a 'background'!



'The View from a Social Distance.....' (Finesmaster Gordon Sagers)

Barry Francis was fined for chasing with his guitar a person who picked up a hat full of money he found on the footpath outside the Sturt Mall.



Mike Murray decided to take Carol out to one of those restaurants where they make the food right in front of you. Mike took her to Subway and that's how the fight began.

Wise father: "Son, allow me to offer my warmest congratulations. I'm certain that you'll remember today as the happiest in your life."

Son: "Thanks Dad, but the wedding's tomorrow."

Dad: "I know."

Twenty years ago, we had Johnny Cash, Bob Hope and Steve Jobs. Now we have no cash, no hope, and no jobs. Please don't let Kevin Bacon die.

When Graham Russell was a kid, his parents would always say "Excuse my French" just after a swear word. He'll never forget his first day at school when his teacher asked if any of the kids knew any French words.

Fish: an animal that grows the fastest between the time it's caught and the time an angler describes it to his friend.

90th Anniversary of the Club.

We are turning 90 on 17th May! A short discussion about the best way to celebrate this took place. Don Pembleton has uncovered a wealth of information regarding the Club's establishment, which will appear in some form in the Bulletin of 21 May. It was suggested that Gerry may also have some material worth publishing. If any other member has worthwhile articles, photos etc, please email it to Vicky at your earliest convenience. She will be starting work on this publication as soon as she receives the material. There also seemed to be agreement that our actual celebration be combined with our next Changeover in late June.

Guest Speaker *some of you may enjoy this.*

Frank Abagnale Jr (born April 27, 1948) is an American security consultant known for his career as a con man, cheque forger, and imposter when he was 15 to 21 years old.

He became one of the most notorious impostors,^[1] claiming to have assumed no fewer than eight identities, including an airline pilot, a physician, a U.S. Bureau of Prisons agent, and a lawyer. Abagnale escaped from police custody twice (once from a taxiing airliner and once from a U.S. Federal penitentiary) before turning 22 years old. He served less than five years in prison before starting to work for the federal government. Abagnale is currently a consultant and lecturer for the FBI academy and field offices. He also runs Abagnale and Associates, a financial fraud consultancy company.



Abagnale's story inspired the Academy Award-nominated feature film, *Catch Me If You Can* (2002), starring Leonardo DiCaprio as Abagnale and Tom Hanks as the FBI agent pursuing him.

Click the link below to hear an interesting talk. It runs for 28 minutes of the video, with the rest of the time taken with questions..... also well worth listening to!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsMydMDi3rI>

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:

- Sydney Opera House digital season continues a great line up of entertainment... and all for free. <https://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/digital/season.html>
- The comedy of Michael McIntyre is a great way to while away an hour or so and have a laugh. Look him up on Youtube.
- Dive into Trove (<https://trove.nla.gov.au/>) and discover a whole lot of stuff!!
- Take a virtual tour of the Louvre in Paris. (<https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne#tabs>)

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

Exercise, Fitness, Fun.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wvxy7cjF92M>

THE WEEK IN PICTURES:-



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(10th —16th May)

Birthdays: Tony Hutchinson (16/5) , Joan Page (11/5)

Rotary Anniversaries: Don Pembleton (16/05/1996)

Wedding Anniversaries: Alok & Meena Sharma (11/5)

KOOKABURRA

(blatantly COVID this week!!)



Vicky's Isolation Degustation

~Entrees~

Patisserie miniature mystere

Frozen party pie with organic tomato sauce

L'aile de la poulet

Leftover wicked wing from last night's (contactless) KFC delivery

Tostada vegemitus

Australian traditional delicacy made to sound snobby

~Mains~

Roulade de noodle...

served with a hint of bolognaise de jar

Pizza maisonaise.....

a delightful combination of whatever is still in the fridge
on a stale pita bread

~Desserts~

Milo en glasse

because the milk will go out of date if I don't use it

Ferero deliciosa

(bought for Easter but what the heck!)
on a bed of crumbs from the toaster

The world according to Vida....

1. Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks. The other half will come out with a drinking problem.
2. I used to spin the toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune. Now I turn it like I'm cracking a safe.
3. I need to practice social distancing from . . . the refrigerator.
4. Still haven't decided where to go on my next holiday . . . The Living Room or The Bedroom.
5. Every few days, try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pyjamas will have you believing all is well in the kingdom.
6. Homeschooling is going well. 2 students suspended for fighting and 1 teacher fired for drinking on the job!
7. I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks we'd go from Standard Time to Twilight Zone.
8. This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into the house, told my dog . . . we laughed a lot.
9. So, after this quarantine, will the producers of My 600 Pound life just find me or do I find them?
10. Quarantine Day 5: Went to this restaurant called THE KITCHEN. You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business!
11. My body has absorbed so much soap and disinfectant lately that when I pee it cleans the toilet.
12. Day 5 of Homeschooling: One of these little monsters called in a bomb threat.
13. I'm so excited . . . it's time to take out the garbage. What to wear, what to wear?
14. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to Puerto Backyardia. I'm getting tired of Los Livingroomia.
15. Classified Ad: Single man with toilet paper seeks woman with hand sanitizer for good clean fun.
16. Day 6 of Homeschooling: My child just said "I hope I don't have the same teacher next year." I'm offended.

