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OF WAGGA WAGGA**

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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**

**BULLETIN NO: 43**

**Thursday 21st May , 2020.**

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

Date:	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	Graham Russell	Alok Sharma	Peter Veerhuis
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	Phillip Cross	Bruce Heydon	Alan Lean



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## **From the President.**

Dear Rotarians

With 3 Zoom meetings under our belt now we are starting to get the hang of it. Thanks to all attendees for your perseverance and good humour. Graeme and I will keep experimenting with the streaming features so we can include the odd relevant video. Any assistance appreciated.



We noted the 90th Birthday of our Club last night, a proud achievement. In view of the ongoing restrictions, the opportunity to make a big splash about the 90th is probably passing, we will look forward to the 100th!

We also noted significant birthdays for club stalwarts Tony Hutchinson and Paul Galloway, they are almost twins. All the best and many more to come.

The Board met last night and resolved, in relation to our Club Changeover scheduled for 25th June 2020, and in view of projected Covid-19 restrictions, that we will hold a low-key Zoom change of officeholders on 25th June, but will defer the Changeover Dinner and Conferral of Awards until a later date. We are hopeful that the deferral will be for no more than a month or two.

It was also resolved that the Club will vote against the draft D9705 Budget in its present form. I will keep you informed if the underlying circumstances change. In other Board news, we will make small donations to Rotary causes, as in other years, but will defer major gifting until after a Book Fair occurs. The Rotary Shine Recognition Awards will take place on Thursday 3rd December this year. We have a NYSF candidate.

Check out our website [waggarotary.org](http://waggarotary.org) !

David

President David reminded all Board members that their meeting would follow on from the general meeting. He stated that he would 'terminate' any non-board member who did not leave the meeting at its conclusion. (Sounds fairly permanent!)

## **Apologies:-**

Apologies were received from David Cannon, David Kennedy and Alf Barzen. Alf is doing well after surgery on Tuesday. He also apologised that he didn't attend the first meeting of our Club in 1930, as it occurred 19 days before he was born!!

## Bit's n Pieces from/about members

### Song Writer Jack O'Hagan. 1898-1987. (contributed by *Peter Murray*)

- He wrote over 600 Songs including "*Along the road to Gundagai*". (1921)
  - Peter Dawson's recording of this song in 1931 sold 50,000 copies in six months.
  - When he wrote the Gundagai song he was contemplating between Gundagai or Bundaberg. Thankfully for Gundagai it won out and was a winner.
  - Once when he was dining with Irving Berlin he commented that he had never been to Gundagai. (He did visit Gundagai in 1956 when the town celebrated its centenary.)
  - Irving Berlin replied that he had never seen the Mississippi when he wrote "*Old man River*".
- Other songs were "*Where the dog sits on the Tuckerbox*".(1938),  
" *When a boy from Alabama meets a girl from Gundagai*". He  
"*Our Don Bradman*" (1930)  
"*A lone girl flier*" (Honouring Amy Johnson)  
"*Kingsford-Smith, Aussie is proud of you*", and  
"*Wrap Me Up In My Stock Whip and Blanket*".(1936).
- When Jack O'Hagan passed away on 15 July 1987, I was approached by Gundagai's Anglican Minister the Rev. Bill Wright saying " It would be only fitting if someone from Gundagai attended his Funeral Service at St. Finbars Church at Brighton" as he stated " his song had put Gundagai on the map. At that time I was President of the Gundagai Chamber of Commerce. Bill, and another Gundagai citizen Joe Reardon and I attended the Church Service and his Burial in the Brighton Cemetery.

### A House I once Lived In. (contributed via ZOOM by *Peter Smart*).

Peter showed the meeting a 1990 watercolour depicting the house in Tottington where he lived. it dates back to the mid 18t century. Peter and Vida lived there in the early years of their marriage. It also shows their two dogs, *Sam* and *Ella*, who eventually accompanied the Smarts on their journey to Australia. Peter told us that Ella produced a puppy which they called *Typhi*. General groaning from the members as they put the names together and worked out the 'pathology' connection!!



### **Short and Sweet:-** (Neil Hilpern)

At short notice, Neil stepped in and introduced members to the newest member of his family. Some time ago, Neil and Shirley lost their 15-year-old dachshund, Sophie, due to kidney problems. They decided not to get another puppy, as they feared they would outlive it. Neil was one day talking to his physiotherapist, (a fellow dachshund lover) and he mentioned his reluctance to get a new puppy. The physio mentioned that his mother-in-law bred dachshunds and had recently moved into care, so he had several dogs at his house... and so it was that Neil and Shirley adopted a 10-year-old dappled dachshund, who is a wonderful companion for them! His 'short and sweet' is actually 'short and long'! (*But what's her name???*)



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



First to be tapped on the head for a fine were all those who had failed to enter the 'birthday spirit' by not appearing in appropriate headwear. Mike then quoted from the original Charter Document:

.... a member must be in active service in his profession or business, and when this ceased, he was no longer a member. In certain cases, honorary membership might be conferred, but in the majority the member stepped down to make room for someone else. and proceeded to fine all those 'retired hangers-on'!!!

Mike mentioned that he had spoken to Bill Prest during the week. Bill had commented to him that he was 'so bored that I go outside and ring my own doorbell', fining everyone who had been bored this week, and also those who have a doorbell!! That surely covered everyone.

He then entertained us with a list of common viruses which could keep COVID company (they might be naughty!):

- The Bill Clinton Virus
- The Viagra Virus
- The Lewinsky Virus
- The Ronald Regan Virus
- The Mike Tyson Virus
- The Oprah Winfrey Virus
- The Ellen DeGeneris Virus
- The Loena Bobbitt Virus
- The Prozac Virus
- The Titanic Virus

### **A reminder.....**

- The new website is up for you all to view, and training will be organised for Alan Lean, Lyndal Seymour and Terry Mecham in the near future.
- The Copland Street shed is costing the club \$327 per week..... it has been suggested that members might wish to contribute to these costs by pledging some of the money they have saved whilst dinner meetings are in recess. Contact Nepal Ghosh for bank details if you don't have them.

Some snippets from our history:

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# May 1930

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The Way Things Were

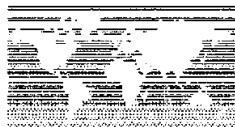
Editor: Gerry Page

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In 1930, Rotary came to Wagga Wagga - 25 years after its founding in Chicago. Seventy years on, it's hard to conjure up an image of the days in which the club was launched, so we've researched it a bit in the Advertiser of the day to help set the mood for you.

## DEPRESSION DAYS.




The world economy was in depression, and, believe it or not, the 44 hour week was repealed in favour of a 48 hour week. (Do those groans come from the workers of today or the bosses?). Another Bill in Parliament reduced Public Service Salaries by 25% (More groans).

Jobs were scarce in those early depression years. Wirths Circus sought 12 handymen, and 800 applied - so 30 men were hired. (There were some good news stories about)



A popular way of making a few bob, was by rabbit trapping. On one day, forty four tons of rabbit skins were sold at the Sydney market - prices up 1d. to 2d a pound.

## SOCIAL ISSUES

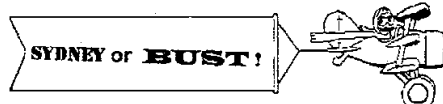
 The 'demon drink' was the focus rather than drugs. Prohibition was in vogue in the U.S. It was reported that three people died and 59 were taken to hospital through poisoned bootleg liquor.

## Day of the Cigarette

Amazingly, an editorial about that time was entitled "The Day of the Cigarette" - the theme being that 'the cigarette smoker comes of age against the pipe'. How times change eh- the wheel turns again, and cigarette smokers are 'on the nose'


**AN ARTICLE PROPOSED THAT, WITH MODERN TECHNOLOGY, THE DRUDGERY OF HOME COOKING WOULD BE OBSOLETE WITHIN 50 YEARS. (PERHAPS FORSEEING THE RISE OF MC DONALDS & KFC ETC?)**

## BREAKING NEWS



Early flyers were doing their thing - & debate raged about what to call them (air motorists?)..Amy Johnson , the heroic British pilot, was in the air on her epic Britain - Australia flight, via Rangoon, Bangkok, Sourabaya - flying into Darwin on Sat 24th May - just one week after the first club meeting.

The Indian legend Gandhi was arrested and imprisoned in Poona. A long trail lay ahead for his struggle - still 17 years to Indian independence.



 Technology was in its infancy., but wireless telephony was shrinking the world. Prime Minister Scullin was roused from his bed early one morning to answer a call from a London newspaper. "A new horror has come into my life" he was quoted as saying.



Chamberlains Colonic Tablets

"With a smile in every tablet"




  
**Cottage to let - Morundah St.**  
 32/6 per week
   


## SPORT

The Australian cricketers were in England, early in a tour in which Bradman scored one century, two double centuries and a triple century. His exploits caused sales of what new-fangled gadget to soar? Yes, the radio.



On the track, that year's **Wagga Wagga Gold Cup** had just been run and won, by a scottish sounding horse named *Bawn na Glas* Miekde would have cleaned up had he been there.



### Big Red

The legendary horse **Phar Lap** had won the Kings Cup in Adelaide the previous Saturday, carrying 9st. 5 lb. and paying a dividend of a guinea for each pound invested - odds of 20/1 on ! His defeat in the previous Melbourne Cup was still being discussed. Did he go on to win the Melbourne Cup that year? Yes, he sure did.


  
**New Studebaker Straight Eight**  
 465 pounds
   


## ENTERTAINMENT

What did they do for fun around the town? Spirits needed lifting in those depression days, with or without a Studebaker, and there was plenty to do.

Roller Skating was held at *'the beautiful'* Kyeamba Smith Hall. Like everyone young in 1930 - its beauty has somewhat faded with age .

### Dancing

At the **Wonderland**, you could enjoy Jazz, Old Time Dancing and Euchre. The advert urged all to:-



*Give old man gloom the go by -  
 let your heart be gay and bright,  
 Come turn the skies of grey, to blue-  
 at Wonderland tonight"*

**"ADMISSION TO THIS EVENING OF JOY  
 2/- NO TAX!"**

### Talkies

A few years earlier, Harry M. Warner, of Warner Bros. fame, had asked "Who the hell wants to hear actors talk?" By 1930, however, what were described as 'all-talking pictures' were a drawcard at **The Strand** theatre, with stars like Lionel Barrymore and Will Rogers.



Charter club member Herbert J. Smythe was the theatre manager.

The Wagga **Speedway** was popular. Long time club member **Jack Skeers** was wowing them there. At a recent meeting, Jack had won the Riverina Handicap over 1 mile in 1m.36 2/5s on a Delocette motorcycle.



## ROTARY

This then, was the era in which Rotary emerged locally; into a community with plenty of scope for service activity, but optimistically getting on with life. The DA of Monday 19th May 1930, recorded that arrival, noting a bit of Rotary trivia: that the first fine levied in the Club, 2shillings, was made by Sgt. at Arms Alfred Nathan on President Harry Michelmores, for "performing the first act in *Rotary Wagga*". More significant Rotary news was to follow in ensuing years.

**So there you are.** Someone said that "the only good thing about the good old days is, they're never coming back." Cynic.

*List of Charter Members*

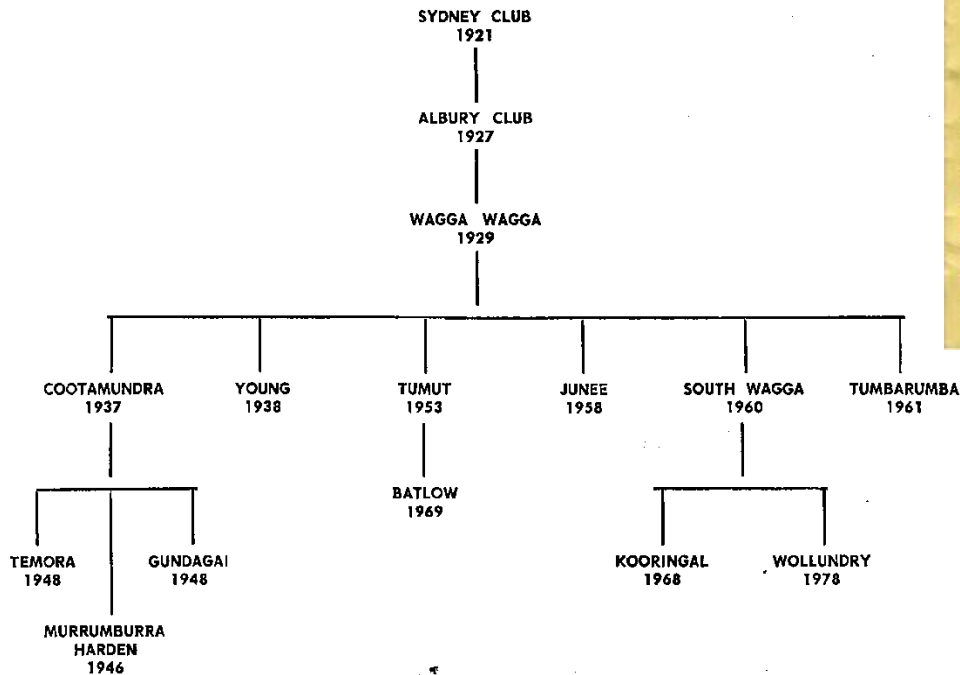
<b>Name and Known Business</b>	<b>Classification</b>
Henry E. Mitchelmore	General Law Practice
Percy W. Williamson, Dalgety & Co Ltd.	Livestock Industry—Wool Broking
Edwin H Beard W.G. Huthwaite Co.	Dry Goods, Department Store
Robert J. Johnson Daily Advertiser	Newspaper Publishing
Alfred C. Nathan	Medicine, Dentistry
Thomas H. Brunskill	Livestock Industry—Sheep Raising
Walter S. Hardy	Ceramic Industry—Brick Manufacturing
Hughie L. Condon	Auto Industry—Garage & Service
John Albert Berunskill	Fruit, Vegetable, Nut Products, Grain Distributing
James L. Scott	Hotels, Resorts
Dr. Cecil Rhodes Sim	Medicine, Radiology
Herbert P. Davis Chas. Hardy & Co.	Transporting, General Contracting, Draying & Hauling
Richard H. Blamey Murrumbidgee Milling Co.	Fruit, Vegetable, Flour Manufacturing
Rev. Stanley J. West	Religion, Protestant
Herbert J. Smythe	Recreation, Motion Pictures
James C. Blamey	Clothing Industry, Mens—Retail.
Richard Giltinan Headmaster, Wagga High	Education, Public Schools
William J. Jacob Hailey & Jacob	Food Industry, Grocery Retailing
John M. Dunn J. Jeremy & Co.	Livestock, Commission Agency.



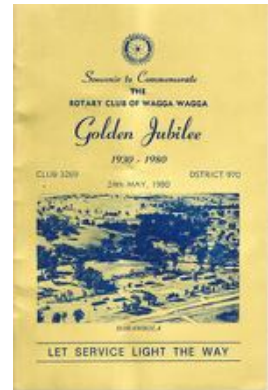
*H.E. Mitchelmore, First President*

## FAMILY TREE

Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga as at 24th May, 1980



taken from....



### **Anniversary Quiz**..... (Philip Cross)

A Quiz from the 1991 Weekly Bulletin:

1. How many spokes are there on the Rotary Wheel?
2. How many cogs?
3. Who was Montague M Bear?
4. Up until 1923, what important element was missing from the Rotary Wheel?
5. True or False: A wheel was chosen to symbolise Rotary because early meetings were held "in rotation" at members' places of business?

( Answers at end of bulletin.)

### **Guest Speaker**

45 life lessons written by a 90 year old man.....

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luyozCd\\_SFU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luyozCd_SFU)

### **Exercise Fitness and Fun:-**

If only we could all do this at 90!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vIkK7s4OAa8>



## THE WEEK IN PICTURES:-



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:-

- 3<sup>rd</sup> June                    Catering (casseroles) at Lilier Lodge (Is this still on???)  
20-26 June                2020 Rotary International Virtual Convention  
17-18 October          Wagga Rotary Book Fair

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(24<sup>th</sup> <sup>h</sup> —30<sup>th</sup> May)

**Birthdays:**                    Lee Chenoweth (24/5), Pamela Mendel (28/5), Shirley Hilpern (30/5)

**Rotary Anniversaries:**    Marion Moran (30/5/2013)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Peter & Lee Chenoweth (24/5)

# KOOKABURRA



What do you call a 90-year-old named Jeremy that's scored three goals?

*Jerry Hat-Trick!*

A cop pulls over a 90-year-old woman....

He exits his car and walks up to the old woman's window.

"Do you realise how fast you were going?"

"No." She answers, looking forward, making no eye contact.

"Twice the speed limit! Ma'am can I see your license and registration?"

"I can't give you my license"

"Why not?"

"I don't have a license."

"What about your registration, ma'am?"

"I can't give you that either," she responds, still looking forward.

"Well, why not?"

"This isn't my car. I stole it."

Confused now, the cop asks "Do you know who owns this vehicle? Where did you steal it from?"

"I got it from the man I killed."

Confusion now turning to caution, he asks, "And where is the man you killed?"

"I chopped him up and placed his body in the boot."

Stunned and worried, the cop places his hand on his holster and cautiously says to the old woman, "Stay in the vehicle with your hands in view."

The cop then proceeds to call for back up.

Ten minutes later, five police cars show up and the cop speaks to his senior officer.

The senior officer walks up to the woman's window with his hand on his firearm and demands: "Ma'am, step out of the vehicle with your hands where I can see them!"

The woman complies without hesitation.

"Ma'am, do you have your license and registration?"

"Sure do! They're right here," she says as she pulls them out of her purse and hands them to the senior officer.

Confused, the senior officer continues, "Ma'am, can you open the boot for me please?"

"Sure I can!" She walks over to the boot and opens it. There's nothing in there.

The senior officer steps back, perplexed.

After a minute, he finally speaks, "Ma'am, I'm confused....My officer told me that you didn't have a license, this car was stolen AND you had a dead body in the boot...."

With a scoff she replied, "I bet that liar said I was speeding too!"



## Quiz Answers

- 1 SIX
- 2 Twenty four
- 3 The engraver of the first Rotary wheel emblem
- 4 A keyway
- 5 True