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

BULLETIN NO: 45

Thursday 28th May, 2020.

MAY IS ROTARY YOUTH SERVICE MONTH.

Club meets at the WAGGA WAGGA COUNTRY CLUB, **6:00 PM for 6.30 PM** (unless stated below).

Duty Officers' Roster: -

Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot fulfil your rostered duty. Also inform the Bulletin Reporter.

Date:	Thursday 4 th June. (7:00 PM)	Thursday 11 th June.	Thursday 18 th June.
PROGRAMME:	ZOOM Meeting	ZOOM Meeting	ZOOM Meeting
ATTENDANCE:	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required
GREETER:	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required
SHORT & SWEET:	Alok Sharma	Peter Veerhuis	Brad Bland
FINES-MASTER:	Bruce Heydon	Alan Lean	Barry Francis
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required
VOTE OF THANKS:	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required
BULLETIN REPORTER:	David Payne	Bryan Short	Peter Veerhuis

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

Unable to attend a **Zoom** meeting? **Please lodge an apology with President David** (SMS or Call 0407 912 141) by 2.30 pm on the prior Wednesday.



MEETING REPORT: -

Attendance.

Thirty four members tuned into this week's Zoom meeting, some by voice only. There were apologies from Alf Barzen, David Cannon, David Kennedy, Alok Sharma & Rajinder Singh.

Administration Matters.



President David opened the meeting with the Rotary Invocation, with members joining in both ahead of, with, and behind David. (causing rather an interesting Echo to the Invocation).

Graeme Callander reminded members of some Zoom features/peccadillos.

- Phil Cross updated members on Meryl's discharge from the Forest Centre. Sadly, she only got as far as the car park, where she sustained a fall and has been re-admitted to WWBH. She is now waiting for transfer to Calvary Hospital.
- President David updated members on the Wagga Country Club's limitations. Presently limited to 50 people on the premises and the catering contractors are not yet functioning. Consequently meetings cannot resume at that venue; however it may not be too long before we can return to normality, obviously observing the social distancing regulations. Unfortunately, our Book Shed is not an alternate as it is limited to 10 people at this stage. Any alterations to the status-quo will be promulgated in your weekly Bulletin.
- President David also updated the club regarding the outcome of last weeks **Board Meeting**: -
 - Due to our limited fund-raising this year (as a result of the Covid19 situation), donations must remain small, and will be limited to Rotary Cause. All affected organisations have been informed of this situation.
 - The date for the Rotary Shine Awards has changed for this year. The event is scheduled for Thursday 3rd December 2020.
- Peter Veerhuis mentioned that the nominated date for the Shine Awards is also the anniversary of the Eureka Stockade – which has some family implications for him (see article below).
- The next **Board Meeting is on 18th June 2020**, and will be attended by the incoming Board Members.
- Brad Bland has confirmed that the club has a candidate for the national **Youth Science Forum**, and will arrange for us to meet him/her later in the year.
- The **District Budget Meeting** was on Saturday 30th May 2020. President David attended and voted on our Club's behalf. He will provide a detailed report at our next weeks meeting.
- Terry Mecham reported that **Lillier Lodge** is in lock-down so we will not be able to our planned catering for their residents. He recommended however that some Casseroles e provided for them to access as required. If you are able to provide a casserole (preferably in a disposable container), please let Terry know by email: - frantek97@gmail.com
- **Alf Barzen** turns 90 on 5th June. Alf doesn't have access to Zoom. If next meeting is over Zoom, Graeme Callander will invite Alf home to share his Zoom for next weeks meeting so we can sing 'Happy Birthday'.
- Peter Smart requested that all members of the **Community Services Committee** respond to his recent email, if they haven't already. And if they haven't yet received an email from him, please contact him to ensure that he has their correct email address.

Short & Sweet.



Graham Russell entertained us with a very evocative story of his 'Favourite Secret Place', and took us all back to the age of 5 years of age, hiding from our Mother in the Wash House. Even if we didn't grow up in a house with a wash house, his description was so wonderful, you could close your eyes, and see the cement tubs, the hand wringer, the little boy (or maybe not-so little in Graham's case!) curled up on the big pile of washing looking at the brush-tailed possums on the rafters. Thank you Graham, for that little lovely trip down memory lane.

Fines-Master Session.

There was no fines session this week.

Program.

1. Vida's Proposed Social Gathering – Due to Covid19, many Members have been unable to go to their usual workplace, or, if they are no longer working, have been restricted to their home environments for weeks now. NSW is now allowing public gatherings of up to 10 people outside. If there is any Member who is interested in meeting in Collins Park for coffee one morning, then Vida Smart is happy to facilitate getting a time and group together. The Thorne Street café is open until 12.30pm each day, for takeaway, and so members can get a drink then its just a short walk across the park. You may have to bring your own chair, so social distancing can be maintained. All interested please email Vida on: - vsmart1958@gmail.com
2. How different organisations cope – Alan Lane's Job Talk detailed how he volunteers for several charities and shared with members the various methods they use in dealing with the Covid19 crisis: -
 - Riverina Cancer Care Centre – The facility provides Oncology and Radiotherapy treatment. Oncology is now completely isolated from Radiotherapy, and only Patients and Staff can attend each area. Patients have their Temperature recorded as they enter.
 - Radio AAA – Still maintaining 18 hrs live programming. No visitors are permitted, and all interviews are conducted by phone. Only 2 people are on the premises at one time, and the studios are well cleaned between each shift. Local Businesses have continued to support the Station, and in fact new clients have come on board recently.
 - Community Volunteer Scheme – All Aged Care Facilities have been in Lock-down, which has been very difficult for all involved. Volunteers have tried to maintain contact via phone, but not all rooms/residents have phones. Situation is starting to improve now, with family members now allowed to attend. Always a need here for new Volunteers.
 - Riverina Community College – Mostly continued with Virtual Communication.



Alan commented that he has been very impressed with the patience, tolerance and support shown by all the staff in all the facilities he involved with, and they are to be highly commended for their work during this recent stressful time.

Alan then referred to the two autographed photographs that could be seen on the wall behind him. The first was a photo of Anthony Hopkins, and the other was Neil Diamond; additionally – photos of McLane Castle and a very special horse.

DONATIONS FOR FIRE VICTIMS: -

Colin Duff of the Wollundry Rotary Club is coordinating **Donations Of Useable Furniture** to fire effected victims up in the hills. Wollundry has an arrangement with Ron's Removals who have offered to collect and transport the donated items to recipients mid week (around 3rd Jun 2020).

If you have items that can be donated, and wish to support this worthwhile project, please Email Colin Duff with your address, contact number and details of potential donations on: -

colinduff@ric.com.au

Ron's Removals will subsequently contact you to make the arrangements.

EUREKA STOCKADE: -

As all students of Australia's Colonial History would know, the Eureka Stockade is occurred on the gold diggings just east of Ballarat VIC on 3rd December 1854. The Veerhuis family is proud to have John Phelan (one of the thirteen Eureka Stockade prisoners, in their 'family tree').

But wait! There's more; the family has a second link to Eureka – their son Paul married Rachel Clemons, a direct descendant of David Syme who worked at The Melbourne Age in 1854. The Syme family supported the prisoners and, through the 'power of the press' managed to sway public opinion; consequently saving the prisoners from the gallows!



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTED: -

Your Club has ongoing financial commitments; one in particular is the rental of the Book Sorting/Storage facility in Copland Street. Whilst we do enjoy a highly discounted rent, courtesy of our benevolent landlord, the commitment (\$327-00 PW) remains.

President David notes that during our Covid19 shutdown, members have saved the weekly outlay for meal, fines and sundries, and hopefully might feel motivated to donate some of the savings to our Service Account (account details were provided to all by email last week). So far we have not met for 10 weeks – representing a saving of in excess of \$300 for each member. Pres.

David reiterates that any payment is entirely voluntary – but will be most welcome.

NEXT MEETING: -

Unless notified to the Contrary, next weeks meeting will be at **7:00 PM (4th June 2020) on Zoom.**

GERRY PAGE – IDEAS FOR A NOVEL; Title “2020”



I thought I'd write a novel, and came up with this great scenario about a civilization where these creatures live on a gigantic rock which hurtled round a great central blazing thing called a 'sun'- with the rock held in an 'orbit' by the 'sun's' 'gravity'. The rock was still cooling, even after millions of years, and the core was still molten with eruptions and great earthquakes.

Despite this, an 'atmosphere' had developed around the rock, providing a very benign living climate, with huge lakes of fluid I called 'water', and strange green things which grew upwards out of the ground – reliant on 'water', (which also fell from the 'sky'). (In a quirky twist, much of the 'water' is contaminated with 'salt', making it unfit for use – heh heh).

Some creatures had evolved to live a great lifestyle in this environment, with little beetle type units they rushed around in on the ground, capsules which flew through the air, and structures they lived in for protection, communicating by talking into little biscuits they carried around. They hunted the less smart creatures and actually ate them to stay alive, even farming some in big compounds.

Unfortunately, there was hate and mistrust among the various groups of smart creatures, so their world was in a constant state of war and turmoil. On top of this, the creatures ruined their own environment by overuse of their beetles and capsules as well as their extravagant lifestyle demands; but the environment struck back in the year 2020, with terrible fires, storms, floods, and then a virus which swept the world out of control, killing hundreds of thousands of the smart creatures – so that I thought the book would finish with the rock returning to its desolate origins.

A rattling good yarn I thought – unfortunately I couldn't find a publisher –some said it was too far-fetched – hard to comprehend such a bummer of a place – wouldn't be popular with readers. Another said it seemed familiar- was sure it must have been done before. Oh well – I have another idea..... In the new version, the smart creatures learned much from the year 2020 experience, and their very wise and useful group of leaders resolved to work together henceforth for the good of earth's environment and its people; who, for their part developed an acceptance of a less demanding lifestyle, so that they all lived happily ever after on their strange rock. I'll see how I go with that scenario.

MAY IS ROTARY YOUTH SERVICE MONTH: -

The month of May is designated Rotary Youth Service Month.

Rotary believes in developing the next generation through programs designed to help young people learn the value of service, expand their confidence and build leadership skills. Amongst the many programs the following are particularly effective: -

- ◆ **Rotary Youth Exchange** – for students ages 15-19, sponsored by Rotary clubs throughout the world. Exchange students unlock their true potential and become global citizens. They develop lifelong leadership skills, experience a new culture (and possibly language) and build lasting friendships with young people from around the world. Effectively, the program builds world peace and understanding, one young person at a time. Read about this exciting program at: -

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/youth-exchanges>

- ◆ **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)** - an intensive leadership experience organized locally by Rotary clubs and districts for participants ages 14-30. Programs are normally organised over a weekend. Participants develop leadership skills whilst having fun and making connections. They are inspired by community leaders, inspirational speakers, and peer mentors to unlock their potential to turn motivation into action. They discover strategies for becoming a dynamic leader in their school or community. Brad Bland and David Cannon coordinate this program in your Club.



- ◆ **Rotaract** – Clubs operate, in many ways, similar to a Rotary Club – but they accommodate people aged 18-30. Rotaract members decide how to organize and run their clubs, manage their own funds, plan and carry out activities & service projects. They work with community leaders and develop leadership and professional skills. They often work with Rotary Clubs in service projects. They are also fun organisations.

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

- ◆ **20 – 26th June 2020** **Rotary International Convention – Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.**
- ◆ **25th June 2020** **Wagga Rotary Changeover Meeting (Details TBA).**
- ◆ **17/18th October 2020** **Wagga Rotary Club – Book Fair.**
- ◆ **3rd December 2020** **Shine Awards.**

THE 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



AT LAST! WE'VE FOUND SOMEONE WHO CAN SING OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM IN TIME & TUNE.



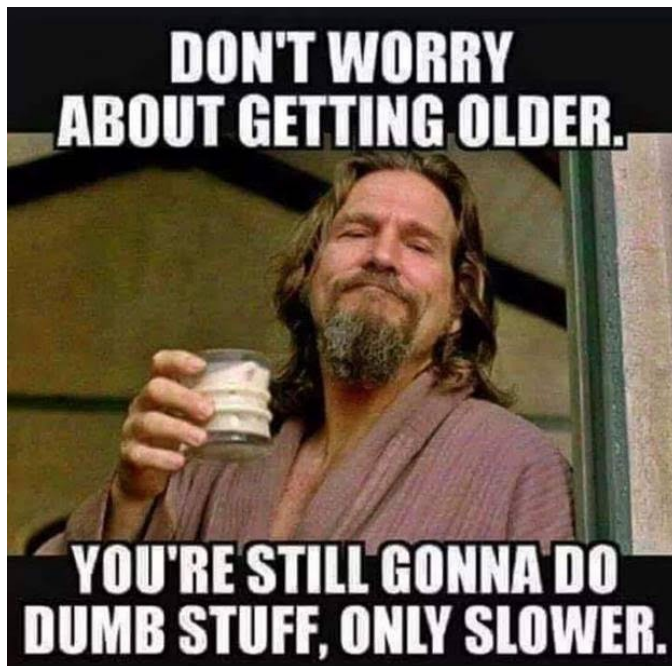
A SCREEN SHOT OF OUR ZOOM MEETING.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(31st May – 6th Jun)

Birthdays: Alf Barzen (05/06) & Rob Sharkie (06/06).
Rotary Anniversaries: Graham Russell (31/05/79) & Marg Everett (04/06/15).
Wedding Anniversaries: Nil.

☞KOOKABURRA☞



A Jewish Rabbi and a Catholic Priest met at the town's annual 4th of July picnic. Old friends, they began their usual banter.

"This baked ham is really delicious," the priest teased the rabbi. "You really ought to try it. I know it's against your religion, but I can't understand why such a wonderful food should be forbidden! You don't know what you're missing. You just haven't lived until you've tried Mrs. Hall's prized Virginia Baked Ham. Tell me, Rabbi, when are you going to break down and try it?"

The rabbi looked at the priest with a big grin, and said, "At your wedding."

