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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: 47**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.**

**JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP 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 18 <sup>th</sup> June.	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	<b>ZOOM Meeting</b> 6:00 for 6:30 PM Start.	<b>CHANGE-OVER MEETING</b>	<b>TBA.</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Not Required	TBA	Karel Bijker Don Pembleton
<b>GREETER:</b>	Not Required	TBA	Marion Moran
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	Brad Bland	TBA	Peter Murray
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	Barry Francis	TBA	Nepal Ghosh
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	Not Required	TBA	Graeme Callander
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	Not Required	TBA	Graham Russell
<b>BULLETIN REPORTER:</b>	Peter Veerhuis	Vicky Donoghue	Gerry Page

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.



## A MESSAGE FROM OUT-GOING PRESIDENT DAVID: -



Dear Wagga Rotarians,

We had a few more apologies for our last meeting – understandably, participation appear to be decreasing a little but congratulations and thanks to all who have provided active support. I feel we are starting to lose a little enthusiasm for the online format – and are craving a ‘face to face’ gathering. It will be very special to leave Zoom aside soon so that I can greet you all personally.

At this stage it seems clear that we will be Zooming again next Thursday. Again we must commence at 6:30 PM as there is a meeting of the Boards, both outgoing and the incoming (also on Zoom) to follow the weekly meeting.

Our **Change-Over Meeting** will proceed on the **25<sup>th</sup> June** as planned and we are most grateful to Vicky Donoghue who has offered to host it at her home. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 requirements, we must restrict attendance to only 20 persons. The face-to-face attendees will be the incoming and the outgoing board members and all other members are invited to participate in the meeting via the Zoom software. We intend to hold a Formal Dinner, where we will confer awards etc., when such activities are permitted. More specific details will be revealed as they come to hand.

Many thanks for allowing Brad and me to indulge our AFL passions after a long break. I am looking for more such segments for next week's meeting.

## MEETING REPORT: -

### Attendance.

The Zoom meeting commenced at 6:37 PM with President David welcoming fewer members than at previous zoom meetings. A special welcome was extended to PDG Gary Roberts who attended as a guest of Alan Lean.

Apologies were recorded from Alf Barzen, David Cannon, David Wynne, Rajinder Singh, Gordon Saggars, and Mary Ann Kelly.

### Administration Matters.

- President David offered early congratulations to **Gerry Page** for his upcoming **80<sup>th</sup> birthday** this coming Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June.
- **Phil Cross** reported that Meryl has been admitted into respite/nursing care.
- **Alf Barzen** sent a message to members thanking us for celebrating his 90th birthday at last week's zoom meeting. He has generously donated ninety dollars to the club, one for each of his years on earth.
- Club officers are reminded to submit their annual reports to Graeme Callander by the **deadline – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**. This deadline is absolute.
- President David reported that very generous **Donations** have been made by members towards the club's overheads (principally rent on Copland Street). A total of around \$12,000 has been receipted to-date. He reminded all that there has been no physical meetings since March and encouraged donations from the monies saved.

The Great Football Showdown (Aussie Rules, AFL, two footy tragics): In one corner, Brad Bland and the Collingwood Magpies, in the other, David Friedlieb and the Richmond Tigers. It turned into a very polite exchange of footy memories, and was judged by the crowd as a draw, totally anticipating the result of the actual game that followed.

### **Short & Sweet.**



Phil Cross was prompted by a recent program on SBS Television, to recount to us his once-in-a-lifetime trip to see the **Top Ten Treasures of Ancient Egypt**. Having had the pleasure of travelling to Egypt in 2002 with our former members Hanny Hanna (PP 96/97), who was born in Egypt and Andrew Donaldson (and their respective wives), Merryl and he were lucky enough to have visited nine of the top ten of the treasures screened. He entertained us with some of the photos of that trip along with a detailed commentary. In 2003, whilst Phil was project managing the construction of Oasis Aquatic Centre at the Bolton Park Stadium he added some 'Sands of Time' from the Pyramids into the Oasis Sand filters. No wonder the waters are so crystal clear.

### **Fines-Master Session.**

Alan Lean told some appropriate jokes and related some comical stories to help ease the nervous strain of an electronic meeting. Thanks Alan.

### **The House I Lived in.**

Peter & Joan Veerhuis are long-term residents of this city. Peter provided some history of their (third) house situated at 52 Coleman Street (a 'stones-throw' from Kildare & Wagga High schools). They acquired this home in 1983 because of its central location and to accommodate their growing family (five children).



The house was designed by well-known Wagga Architect and Rotarian (PP) Steve O'Halloran who was District Governor for 1950/51. It was built in 1941. Peter's father describe the building as "a Doctor's House" when he first saw it. This was the family home until 2003 when all children had moved away from Wagga and it was time to 'down-size'. It was sold to the Whelan family who modified it to what it is today. "The work that the Whelans have done has to be seen to be believed".

The house has some significance for Wagga Rotary Club in that it was used as part of a Progressive Dinner for Club members and a group of golfers from the Gifu (Japan) Rotary clubs. The Japanese visitors expressed some amazement.

## **UPCOMING CHANGE-OVER MEETINGS: -**

1. Our **District Change-over** event is scheduled for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July commencing 5:15 PM for a 5:30PM start. It will be held via Zoom. This is a special occasion as we have two outgoing DG's (Peter Ford 9710 and John McKenzie 9700) to thank and we need to welcome Michael Moore as the first DG of our new District 9705. Every member on the D9700 mailing list should receive an invitation, with the Zoom links, from incoming DG Michael soon. Dress like a Rotarian and remember to have a glass of your preferred refreshment in your hand.
2. **Murrumbidgee Rotary Club** propose to hold a 'face-to-face' meeting at Romano's on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June.
3. **Koorringal Rotary** will hold their (face-to-face) meeting at the Country Club on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June.
4. **Wollundry Rotary** propose to meet at Romano's (face-to-face) on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June (12:30 PM).
5. As detailed above, our own **Wagga Club Change-Over** meeting is to occur on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

Please note that the 'Face-to-Face meetings will most probably be restricted in number so if you wish to attend you should make arrangements as soon as possible with the relevant Club.

## **JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH: -**

The Bulletin last week provided an outline of Rotary Fellowships and a reference to the The Antique, Classic and Historic Automobile World Fellowship of Rotarians (ACHAFR) which was initiated within the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga. This week, as promised we will review other Rotary Fellowships that might be of interest to our members and their families.

Interested in a particular subject? Here is just a sample of the diverse fellowships that are available. Visit the group's website by 'clicking on' the link below: -

- [Caravanning](#)
- [Chess](#)
- [Cricket](#)
- [Doctors](#)
- [Educators](#)
- [Fishing](#)
- [Golf](#)
- [Home Exchange](#)
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- [Old and Rare Books](#)
- [Singles](#)
- [Table Tennis](#)
- [Tennis](#)
- [Wellness and Fitness](#)
- [Wine](#)

A wide variety of Rotary Fellowships exists – for a comprehensive listing, and recommendations on how to join, visit: -

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships>

## **NEXT MEETING: -**

As stated in the President's Message (above) we are continuing on with our meetings via the Zoom software.

If you have any agenda items to be included please inform President David in a timely fashion. Please 'log on' between 6:00 PM and the programmed start time of 6:30 PM.

Apologies should be lodged with President David – preferably either by SMS or email.

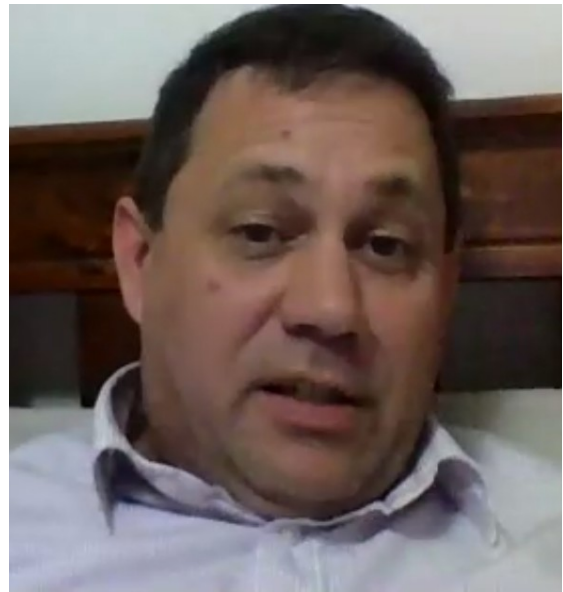
## **PLEASE BLOCK-OUT THE FOLLOWING DATES IN YOUR DIARY: -**

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| ◆ <b>20<sup>th</sup> June 2020</b>       | <b>Murrumbidgee Rotary Changeover – Romano's.</b>       |
| ◆ <b>24<sup>th</sup> June 2020</b>       | <b>Koorinal Rotary Club Changeover – Country Club</b>   |
| ◆ <b>25<sup>th</sup> June 2020</b>       | <b>Wagga Rotary Changeover Meeting (Details Above).</b> |
| ◆ <b>30<sup>th</sup> June 2020</b>       | <b>Wollundry Rotary Club Changeover – Romano's.</b>     |
| ◆ <b>1<sup>st</sup> July 2020</b>        | <b>District Changeover (on ZOOM) – 5:30 Start.</b>      |
| ◆ <b>17/18<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b> | <b>Wagga Rotary Club – Book Fair.</b>                   |
| ◆ <b>3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020</b>    | <b>Shine Awards.</b>                                    |

**THE 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -**



*The Richmond Tigers Supporter.*



*The Collingwood Magpies Supporter.*



*Sands of Time from the Pyramids introduced into the Oasis Sand filters in 2003*



*Dami Im leads us in the National Anthem via YouTube.*



*The Zoom Meeting.*

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(14<sup>th</sup> Jun – 20<sup>th</sup> Jun)

**Birthdays:** Gerry Page (16/06), Lyn Russell (17/06) & Catherine Friedlieb (19/06).

**Rotary Anniversaries:** Peter Veerhuis (20/06/91 plus 1972/81-Wagga Rotary).

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Nil.



## OSKOOKABURRA OS

How did you go with the Einstein's quiz last week?

The answer is **'The German owns the fish'** and congratulations to Peter Veerhuis who 'cracked' the solution after only 45 minutes – well done. Did anyone else obtain an answer?

To view the solution go to: - <https://udel.edu/~os/riddle-solution.html>



## DO YOU SEEK TO IMPROVE YOUR MEMORY?: -

A satirical TV series "At Last The 1948 Show" was produced by David Frost for the British network ITV in the late 1960's. It probably wasn't screened in Australia. It featured John Cleese, Graham Clapman, Tim Brooke-Taylor (who recently passed away from the Covid-19 pandemic), Marty Feldman and Aimi MacDonald. It is believed to have preceded and inspired the Monty Python comedy troupe.

Recently, in a live interview, John Cleese and Eric Idle revisited a skit from that series titled the 'Memory Training Programme'.

If you appreciate vintage British humour follow this link: -

<https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x2huelq>



IF A WOMAN SAYS  
"DO WHAT YOU WANT"  
DO NOT DO WHAT YOU WANT  
STAND STILL. DO NOT BLINK.  
DON'T EVEN BREATHE.  
JUST PLAY DEAD.



*Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators – we haven't met yet.*