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**BULLETIN NO: 49.**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.**

**JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH.**

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

**Duty Roster** Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot fulfil your rostered duty & inform our Bulletin Reporter: -

Date:	Thursday 1st July	Thursday 8th July	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	<b>Lisa Simpson Ronald McDonald House</b>	<b>Pro Patria Update</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Karel Bijker Ellen Brasier	Karel Bijker Philip Cross	Karel Bijker Margaret Everett
<b>GREETER:</b>	Peter Murray	Lyndall Seymour	Vida Smart
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	Alok Sharma	David Friedlieb	Paul Galloway
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	David Cannon	Alok Sharma	Bryan Short
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	Brad Bland	Terry Mecham	David Cannon
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	Peter Smart	Peter Veerhuis	David Wynne
<b>BULLETIN REPORTER:</b>	Vida Smart	David Kennedy	Brasier, Ellen
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	-	-	-

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

Unable to attend a meeting? **Please lodge an apology with THE COUNTRY CLUB OFFICE ☎ 6922 6444** by 2.30 pm Wednesday (or pre-record same in the book provided at the meeting attendance table – IN BLOCK LETTERS).

*Also, for catering purposes, please advise if bringing a guest to a meeting.*

## **MEETING REPORT: -**

Our new president Alan Lean welcomed all to a well-attended social night which was held in the warmth and comfort of the club's book Sorting/Storage room last Thursday evening.

Catering was in the capable hands of Terry Mecham and his team, with strong support from Terry's wife Fran.

### **Attendance.**

As stated above, our meeting venue was our Book Sorting/Storage facility (Copland Street); it was cold winters evening and all appreciated the two LPG gas space heaters. There were 25 members in attendance.

Our only guest was visiting Rotarian, Andrew Stow – a visitor from the Rotary Club of Corrimal.

### **Administration Matters.**

The following matters were addressed: -

- President, Alan Lean informed the meeting that Past President David Payne is home from hospital and progressing well.
- Peter Murray has indicated his desire to retire from the Club for family reasons. The Board has decided that he should be offered honorary membership.
- David Cannon is always interested to hear from members who have suggestions for After Dinner Key-Note speakers.
- Terry Mecham reminded everyone that there is a casserole catering night at Lillier Lodge on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July.
- President Alan had attended a Pro Patria meeting during the week – he reported that they are making good progress, but will need our continuing support.
- At a Board meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup> it was decided that the following donations should be made to those who assisted with the Book Fair –
  - ◆ \$2000.00 to Kurrajong Waratah Recyclers
  - ◆ \$500.00 to Elder (to be donated to a charity of their choice)
  - ◆ \$500.00 to Class Harvester Company (to be donated to a charity of their choice)
  - ◆ \$200.00 to Royans Truck Dismantlers (to be donated to a charity of their choice)
  - ◆ \$750.00 to Senior students at Koorinal High School (to be donated to a charity of their choice)
  - ◆ \$750.00 to South Wagga Apex.
- Other Book Fair donations will include the Clontarf Foundation, Salvation Army, Books for Kindergarten Project and also \$3000 to Wagga Wagga Base Hospital Stroke Unit for the purchase of special rehabilitation equipment.
- The Club will continue to support our Clean Water Projects as well as Darkness to Light in both India and East Timor.

### **Book Fair Up-Date.**

Graham Russell gave a short update on progress since the book fair. All books returned from the Kyeamba Smith Hall have been resorted, with only the very best retained. There are a number of pallets of books which were not taken to the fair. These will be checked and culled where appropriate over the next few weeks.

Graham also expressed his pleasure at seeing the club making good use of the book shed for tonight's meeting.

## **More About The Book Fair.**

Our local State Member of Parliament Dr Joe McGirr made a Community Recognition Statement on the subject of our Book Fair. A copy of the statement as it appears in Hansard on 12 May 2021 is reproduced below.

### Wagga Rotary Book Fair

“Dr. Joe McGirr (Wagga Wagga)- Wagga Wagga’s book worms are rejoicing. After being shelved because of Covid 2020, the hugely popular Rotary Book Fair is making a comeback this weekend. While the cancellation in 2020 was a crushing blow there is good news for visitors to the 2021 fair because they will now have two years’ worth of donated books from which to select a few- or many – new treasured tomes. Since its inception, the Book Fair’s total takings have now exceeded \$500,000. This year an estimated 50,000 books will be on sale in Wagga Wagga’s Kyeamba Smith Hall along with CD’s, DVD’s, sheet music and other items. But planning an event of this scale is no easy task. Rotarians work on the event year round. I commend the dedicated members of the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga, along with their partners, friends and other helpers who devote countless hours to this wonderful fund raiser. Helpers come from all over Wagga Wagga to lend a hand. Students from Mt Austin High School’s Clontarf Foundation program also help out. Like many others, I am looking forward to adding ‘just a few more’ to my own book shelves.”

## ***THE 2021/22 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT WANTS MORE MEMBERS: -***

Shekhar Mehta, of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, is the selection of the President of Rotary International for 2021-22.

Mehta, an accountant, is chair of the Skyline Group, a real estate development company he founded. He is also a director of Operation Eyesight Universal (India), a Canada-based organization.

Mehta has been actively involved in disaster response and is a trustee of ShelterBox, UK. After the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, he helped build nearly 500 homes for families affected by the disaster.

A Rotary member since 1984, Mehta has served Rotary as director, member or chair of several committees, zone coordinator, training leader, member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, and district governor. He is also the chair of Rotary Foundation (India).



Mehta acknowledges that current membership trends are a challenge and says that membership development should be Rotary’s highest priority. He believes that focusing on regional plans, successfully transitioning Rotaractors into Rotary clubs, and increasing diversity and female members could yield a 5% net growth in membership each year.

“A major brainstorming is needed to find effective solutions suited to different areas of the world,” says Mehta. He adds that regional ethos and culture have to be taken into account to find localized solutions, as “one size does not fit all.” He believes Rotary can extend to new geographical areas and countries.

As a strong proponent of Rotary’s strategic plan, Mehta says he will encourage clubs to use action plans and reinforce the core values of Rotary.

Mehta says Rotary needs to become more contemporary and adaptable by focusing on partnerships with governments and corporations, expanding partnerships with organizations that specialize in Rotary’s areas of focus, and investing in technology.

**NEXT MEETING: -**



Our next Club meeting will be held at our 'home base', the Wagga Wagga Country Club. All should be aware of the recent changes announced by NSW Government regarding Covid restrictions. The relevant rules appear to be no standing whilst drinking and/or socialising and one person per four square metre.

The scheduled Key-Note speaker is Lisa Simpson who will provide an update on the activities of the local Ronald McDonald facility. Many of our longer-serving members will recall the activities renovating the building prior to Ronald McDonald acquiring it.

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

- ✓ **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021**      **Wagga Wagga Sunrise Rotary Club Changeover Meeting.**
- ✓ **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021.**      **Coolamon Rotary Club Changeover Meeting.**
- ✓ **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021**      **'Lazy Sunday Lunch' Victoria Hotel 1:00 pm.**
- ✓ **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021**      **Lilier Lodge Casserole Night**
- ✓ **22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021**      **Lilier Lodge Barbecue**
- ✓ **25<sup>th</sup> November 2021**      **Wagga Rotary Shine Recognition Function**

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



**Our 'New President' presides over his first Club Meeting.**



**Brad, David & Bill enjoy a chat with visiting Rotarian Andrew Stow from Corrimal RC.**



**Members enjoying Fran Mecham's Cooking.**



**Graham reports on the 'wash-up' of the Book Fair.**

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -**

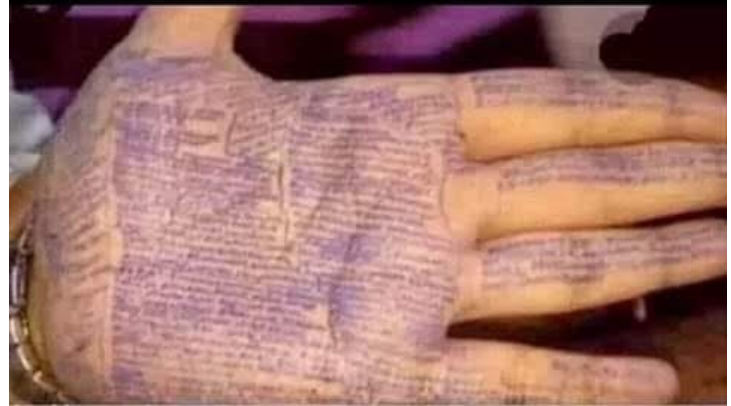
(27<sup>th</sup> Jun – 3<sup>rd</sup> Jul)

**Birthdays:** Nil.  
**Rotary Anniversaries:** David Wynne (28/06/2018).  
**Wedding Anniversaries:** Paul & Judy Galloway (28/6) and Tony & Lynn Hutchinson (3/7).



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**I washed my hands** so many times, I found the answers to my 8th grade social studies test.



**I just watched my dog chase his tail for 5 minutes and thought "WOW, dogs are easily entertained." Then I realized... I just watched my dog chase his tail for 5 minutes.**

**Seven wheelchair athletes have been banned from the Tokyo Paralympics after they tested positive for WD40.**

