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BULLETIN NO: 5.

Thursday 30th July, 2020.

JULY IS ROTARY CLUB LEADERSHIP 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 6 th August.	Thursday 13 th August.	Thursday 20 th August.
PROGRAMME:	Jeff Edwards Wagga Fire Brigade	Ben Holt Erin Earth.	Alice Burwell Vet Scholarship Winner
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker Phillip Cross	Karel Bijker Allan Duffus	Karel Bijker Margaret Everett
GREETER:	Not Required (COVID)	Not Required (COVID)	Not Required (COVID)
SHORT & SWEET:	Peter Murray	Bruce Barber	Barry Francis
FINES-MASTER:	Bill Prest	Alan Lean	Terry Mecham
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Peter Veerhuis	David Friedlieb	Phil Cross
VOTE OF THANKS:	Vida Smart	Graeme Callander	Graham Russell
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Vicky Donoghue	Bryan Short	Vicky Donoghue
C'TTEE MEETINGS:	Vocational Service 6.00 PM	Book Fair 6.00 PM	Attendance 6.00 PM Board Meeting 8.00 PM

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 it 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: -

Attendance.

At the invitation of President David, thirty-six members, seated with appropriate COVID-safe distancing, rose to their feet to recite the invocation and toast Rotary and Australia. They were joined by this week's Guest Speaker Craig Hartin, who was welcomed with warm applause. There was also a special welcome to Gary Roberts on the occasion of his first meeting as a member of our Club, and to Don Pembleton, who was sporting a very fashionable sling! Apologies were received from David Kennedy, MaryAnn Kelly, Gerry Page, Alok Sharma, Nepal Ghosh, Margaret Everett, Bruce Barber and Rajinder Singh.

Changeover Matters.

Due to COVID-19, it has been impossible to conduct the usual Changeover Dinner. It was decided that various 'parts' of the function would be delivered over a series of dinner meetings. To that end, President David (Payne) invited Past President David (Friedlieb) to deliver his **President's Report**.



Main points of President's report:

- This presidential year has been like no other, but resilience must be in our Club's DNA. As an infant, our Club endured the Great Depression, and in the intervening 90 years we have survived wars, droughts, bushfires, floods, rabbits and locusts.
- COVID-19 restrictions stopped us from meeting physically, and this prevented us from properly celebrating our 90th anniversary in May.
- Whilst we were prevented from doing many of our usual community works, we maintained our engagement with each other using online meeting technology.
- Some of our key activities took place pre-COVID:
 - Our annual Shine Recognition Awards were held in November 2019 with great success, driven in large part by Alan Lean.
 - Darkness to Light managed to stage another very successful Eye Camp in India before the world changed thanks to the efforts of Alok Sharma.
 - Our work and interest in Tutuala (Timor Leste) continued. A successful visit by President David Friedlieb, Paul Galloway and Gordon Saggars occurred in November 2019.
- The annual Book Fair was a major COVID casualty, but we are well prepared for a possible October date due to the efforts of the Book Fair team.

(Full President's Report and Committee Reports appear in the Changeover Booklet)

Peter Walsh Rotarian of the Year Award.

David Cannon was announced as the recipient of this prestigious award. All club members showed their appreciation of the hard work David continues to contribute to our Club, especially towards the sourcing of a wide variety of interesting speakers for our meetings. A well-deserved honour for a dedicated Rotarian.



Administration Matters.

- President David reminded all members that in these days of COVID-19 regulations, each member has a personal responsibility to protect their own health and that of fellow Rotarians by adhering to all 'COVID-safe' guidelines set by NSW Health and the NSW Government. This includes choosing to self-isolate if necessary, and being attentive to the rules under which the Country Club is bound to operate: registration of details on arrival, hand sanitising, social distancing, not congregating at the bar, being seated, and most importantly **dispersing efficiently** at the conclusion of the meeting..... the Country Club lounge is available if you wish to continue socialising.
- The *Public Relations Committee* urges all members to view the new Club website (waggarotary.org), and provide any feedback. It is a very new and vibrant website, with the potential to showcase all the positive aspects of our Club and of Rotary in general.
- Sergeant-At-Arms Graeme Callander reported that six members – Graham Russell, Gary Roberts, Gordon Sagers, Paul Galloway, Mike Murray, and Graeme, along with our book-shed landlord Terry Smithers, ventured out to Nangus (in adverse weather conditions) to do some work at the 'Nangus' house project. Well done all!
- Graeme also informed the Club that Rex Flores, whom the Club supported through health and visa issues five years ago would become an Australian citizen on Friday 31 July. Congratulations!

Raffle Winner.

Mike Murray was the lucky winner this week. Congratulations!

Short & Sweet.



Allan Duffus stepped up to the podium and told the story of a sculpture that stands in the small Victorian township of Leongatha. It depicts a boy, Lennie Gwyther, on a pony known as Ginger Mick (who was all of 12.2 hands high). Lennie was an amazing boy. He is often



referred to as ‘Lennie the Legend’, due to his 1932 solo horseback journey, as a nine-year-old boy, from Leongatha to Sydney to watch the opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and back again. He was allowed to undertake this journey as a reward for having ploughed and planted 24 fields (Yes, at 9 years old!) on the family farm after his father broke his leg.

Lennie set out on 3 February 1932 on Ginger Mick. He carried a haversack that included his toothbrush, silk pyjamas, spare clothes and a water bottle.

His journey was widely publicised in the media, particularly the newspapers. This notoriety led to some amazing experiences..... he met and had tea with the then Prime Minister Joseph Lyons at Parliament House in Canberra, was ‘attacked by vagabonds’ en route, and was forced to skirt a bushfire during his travels.

10,000 people welcomed him as he arrived in Martin Place, Sydney, accompanied by 25 mounted police.

On 19 March, he fulfilled his dream by participating in the parade across the Sydney Harbour Bridge on its opening day. On 21 March, he met Don Bradman at the SCG and received a signed cricket bat.

He and Ginger Mick then trekked all the way home to Leongatha, where he was welcomed by 800 citizens and a civic reception.

Ginger Mick, (who coincidentally was foaled on the same day as Lennie was born) lived to the age of 27 on the family farm. Lennie went on to marry, have a daughter, and live in the Melbourne suburb of Hampton. He worked as an engineer at General Motors Holden, Fisherman’s Bend. He died of cancer in 1992, aged 70.

A truly inspiring Australian!

Fines-Master Session.

Tony Hutchinson managed to extract bulk coinage from the pockets of almost every member whilst informing us of the origins of several well-known phrases and customs from the 16th Century. These are just a few of the highlights.....

- It is well known that urine was used in the tanning of animal hides to make leather. Poor families used to collect their daily offerings to sell to the tanneries, leading to that well-used expression regarding poverty.
- The houses of the least well-off had dirt floors, unlike the houses of the better-off. They were called 'dirt poor'. The wealthy had slate floors, that would get slippery when wet, so they spread 'thresh' (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing. A piece of wood, the '*thresh hold*' was put in place stop the thresh from moving out through the doorway.
- Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the '*upper crust*'.
- We were all informed why brides carry bouquets. Something to do with having a bath in May and marrying in June!!
- The 'bathing order' in families saw babies bathed last, in water that was often far from crystal clear. Hence the expression '*don't throw the baby out with the bathwater*'!

Tony managed to extract fines for EVERYTHING.... from people who had contributed tanning ingredients, washed babies, been married, eaten bread, and all were happy to pay for such an entertaining presentation.



Guest Speaker: Mr Craig Hartin,

Welcomed by Brad Bland, Craig Hartin is a past President of the Rotary Club of Narrandera. Craig introduced members to the recycling of greenwaste on an industrial scale. His company turns unwanted byproducts of Agriculture into nutrient-rich compost which can then be returned to agricultural enterprises for surface spreading. One of the main sources of waste is the cotton industry.....tonnes of 'cotton trash' would routinely be burnt before the recycling process was developed to put it to better use.



The composting process begins with the waste being put into giant 60 metre long bags with a capacity of 6000 cubic metres. The composting process inside the

bags takes approx. 8 to 10 weeks, with controlled conditions to promote aerobic composting. The resulting material is then exposed to the air, and the stabilised compost is left for 30 to 60 days for maturation. It is then ready to spread as a nutrient for agriculture. It is possible to undertake three of these ‘composting cycles’ on the same area of land each year, making this enterprise not only extremely large scale, but also very efficient.

Craig is always seeking new sources of useable waste, and works with the poultry industry as well as the cotton industry. He is very keen to work with councils which collect green waste from householders.

Peter Smart stepped up to thank Craig for attending our meeting and sharing his passion with us. Somewhere in the world, ten children will benefit from a polio immunisation thanks to Craig.

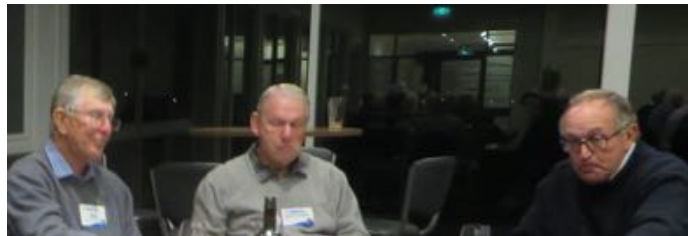


PLEASE BLOCK-OUT THE FOLLOWING DATES IN YOUR DIARY: -

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| 6th August 2020 | Vocational Service Committee Meeting (6:00 PM). |
| 13th August 2020 | Book Fair Committee Meeting (6:00 PM). |
| 20th August 2020 | Attendance Committee Meeting (6.00 PM) |
| 20th August 2020 | Board Meeting (8.00 PM) |
| 17/18th October 2020 | Wagga Rotary Club – Book Fair. |
| 3rd December 2020 | Shine Awards. |
| 10th December 2020 | District governor Michael Moore on Zoom. |
| 17th December 2020 | Club Christmas function. |



THE 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



'NANGUS SNAPS'



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(2nd Aug – 8th Aug)



Birthdays: Margaret Saggars, (2/8), Graham Gorrel (6/8),
Rotary Anniversaries: Nil
Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

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Einstein sits next to a man on a long flight. Einstein says, "Let's play a game. I'll ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you will pay me only \$5, but if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500.

The man agrees and the game proceeds.

Einstein asks the first question, "What is the distance between the Earth and the Moon?"

The man doesn't say a word. He reaches into his pocket and pulls out \$5.

He then asks Einstein, "What goes up a hill with three legs, but comes down on 4?"

Einstein thinks about it for a long time, but fails to answer the question. After almost an hour, he gives the man \$500.

An irritated Einstein then asks, "Well, so what goes up a hill with three legs, but comes down on 4?"

The man reaches into his pocket and gives Einstein \$5.

