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BULLETIN NO: 7.

Thursday 13th August, 2020.

AUGUST IS ROTARY MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION 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 20 th August.	Thursday 27 th August.	Thursday 3 rd September.
PROGRAMME:	Alice Burwell Vet Scholarship Winner	David & Kerry Morton (Holbrook)	TBA
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker Margaret Everett	Mike Murray Barry Francis	Karel Bijker David Friedlieb
GREETER:	Not Required (COVID)	Not Required (COVID)	Not Required (COVID)
SHORT & SWEET:	Barry Francis	David Friedlieb	Paul Galloway
FINES-MASTER:	Terry Mecham	Mike Murray	Gerry Page
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Phil Cross	David Cannon	Allan Duffus
VOTE OF THANKS:	Graham Russell	Peter Wynne	Lyndal Seymour
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Peter Veerhuis	Gerry Page	Ellen Brasier
C'TTEE MEETINGS:	Attendance C'ttee 6.00 PM Board Meeting 8.00 PM	TBA 6.00 PM	TBA 6.00PM

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.

Meeting opened at 6.30pm with 33 members in attendance and apologies from David Kennedy, Mike Murray, Mary Ann Kelly, Don Pembleton, Brad Bland, Peter Smart, Gerry Page and Alok Sharma. We also welcomed our Club guest Ben Holt and members guests Judy Galloway, guest of Paul, and Jenny Masters and Jeff Treloar, guests of Vida Smart. David thanked all the members for attending and congratulated us on our improved COVID behaviour.

David also advised that as our speaker had asked for an extended time for his presentation, the Short and Sweet and Fines sessions would not take place.



Raffle Winner.

Our newest PHF, Howard Mendel won the raffle and lucky for him, due to the evening's altered program, he escaped without a fine!

Administration Matters.

- President David advised that the future of the 2020 Book Fair is being reconsidered at the next Board Meeting and that the proposed, already postponed date, in October, will likely be abandoned due to COVID19.
- David reminded us that in June 2020, Rotary International had increased the 6 Areas of Rotary Focus (*Promoting Peace, Fighting Disease, Providing Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Saving Mothers and Children, Supporting Education, and Growing Local Economies*) with a 7th Area : Supporting the Environment. This led us into the presentation by our guest speaker.

Guest Speaker. Ben Holt (Erin Earth)

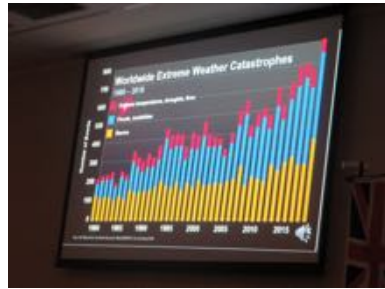


Ben was introduced by Past President David Friedlieb, who had met Ben previously through their connection with Erin Earth, based at Mt Erin.

Erin Earth, is an Independent Foundation, a dream of the Presentation Sisters, to be “walking lightly on the earth”. It is a sustainable living education complex with house and garden in Kildare Street, Wagga Wagga in Wiradjuri Country. Ben is their Education Officer.

Ben first described his connection with the district and the land. His family have been farmers in The Rock and the Walwa area in the upper Murray valley for many years, farming in tune with the environment. In early 2020 he was named Wagga Wagga Environmental Citizen of the Year. He has a science degree, majoring in geography. He loves innovation and is always looking for simple solutions to everyday problems.

Ben then went on to tell us about his and the country's journey in regard to climate change – what he has seen happen and how we can help manage the issue. He spoke about the reasons we have seen an increase in greenhouse gases, how this warms up the world and dries out vegetation. He spoke about the recent bushfires, one that started south east of Wagga Wagga and became known as the Dunns Rd Fire. He then went on to describe how it joined up with the fire near Walwa in Victoria and burnt across the Great Dividing Range and all the way to the coast, causing massive damage to vegetation, livestock, fauna and infrastructure, death of fire fighters and residents and huge dislocation.



He also spoke about the worldwide dramatic increase in weather-based catastrophes, as defined by the insurance industry, whereby the number had increased steadily over the period 1980 to 2018 from 200 per annum to 700 per annum. He introduced a number of other references and experiences to make his point, but concluded on a positive note by referring us to the Drawdown 2020 website. This website is the world's leading resource for climate solutions and makes for some interesting reading.

This is the link: <https://drawdown.org/?inline=true#colorbox-content>

Locally he suggested, at a minimum, we should buy green energy and install solar panels.

Ben then proceeded to answer a number of written questions from Club members – although he did have difficulty reading some of the handwriting!

Graeme Callander thanked Ben for his presentation. Ben was delighted when he was told that ten children somewhere in the world will be immunised against Polio on his behalf.



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

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| 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. –decision pending. |
| 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: -



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(16th Aug –22nd Aug)



- Birthdays:** Vicky Donoghue (18/8)
- Rotary Anniversaries:** Rajinder Singh (22/8/2019)
- Wedding Anniversaries:** nil

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During his physical, the doctor asked the patient about his daily activity level. He described a typical day this way: "Well, yesterday afternoon, I waded along the edge of a lake, drank eight beers, escaped from wild dogs in the heavy brush, jumped away from an aggressive snake, marched up and down several rocky hills, stood in a patch of stinging nettles, and crawled out of quicksand."

Inspired by the story, the doctor said: "You must be one heck of an outdoors man!" "Nah," he said. "I'm just a lousy golfer!"

A man walks into a pub. The bartender asks him "What'll you have?"
The man says, "Give me three pints of beer please."
So the bartender brings him three pints and the man proceeds to alternately sip one, then the other, then the third until they're gone. He then orders three more.
The bartender says "Sir, I know you like them cold. You don't have to order three at a time. I can keep an eye on it and bring you a fresh one when you finish one."
The man says "You don't understand. I have two brothers, both living in different countries. We made a vow to each other that every Saturday night we'd still drink together. So right now, my brothers have three pints too, and we're drinking together."
The bartender thought that was a wonderful tradition. Every week the man came in and ordered three beers. Then one week he came in and ordered only two. He drank them and then ordered two more.
The bartender said to him, "I know what your tradition is, and I'd just like to say that I'm sorry that one of your brothers has passed."
The man said, "Oh, my brothers are fine—I've just given up drinking."

So in retrospect, in 2015,
not a single person got
the answer right to "Where
do you see yourself 5
years from now?"

