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BULLETIN NO: 9.

Thursday 27th 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 3 rd Sept.	Thursday 10 th Sept.	Thursday 17 th Sept.
PROGRAMME:	Social Night	Music Trivia Quiz (Mike Murray)	Surprise Packet (David Wynne)
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker David Friedlieb	Karel Bijker Paul Galloway	Karel Bijker Ellen Brasier
GREETER:	Not Required (COVID)	Not Required (COVID)	Not Required (COVID)
SHORT & SWEET:	Paul Galloway	John Heazlewood	Nepal Ghosh
FINES-MASTER:	Gerry Page	Don Pembleton	Graham Russell
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required
VOTE OF THANKS:	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required
BULLETIN REPORTER:	John Heazlewood	Ellen Brasier	Gerry Page
C'TTEE MEETINGS:	Bulletin C'tee 6.00PM Programs C'tee 8.00PM	International Service 6.00PM	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.

33 Members were in attendance this week, with apologies recorded from Alf Barzen, Brad Bland, Allan Duffus, David Friedlieb, Nepal Ghosh, David Kennedy, Bill Prest, Alok Sharma, Rajinder Singh, Peter Smart, Vida Smart, and Peter Veerhuis. The club welcomed Kerry and David Morton as our speakers for the evening.

Administrative Notes:

President David drew members' attention to the following points:

- The Barbeque Committee met prior to the club meeting and discussed plans for the future, when the COVID-19 emergency permits activities to resume. This includes review of material stored at the club storage site and action towards upgrade of the BBQ trailer.
- At last week's Board Meeting it was decided that the Book Fair and Shine Awards for 2020 would be abandoned due to the uncertainties surrounding COVID-19. We look forward to a more 'normal' 2021.
- The recent President's meeting had discussed the future of the Peace Ceremony. The Playhouse venue is too small to allow social distancing for attendees, and the Civic Theatre is too expensive (at more than \$3000) to be a viable option. It was suggested that an audio-visual approach showcasing Rotary might be better use of funds. This would be professionally produced on behalf of all Wagga Clubs. Our club board agreed to participate in this approach.
- The **Bulletin and Club History Committee** will meet at 6pm and the **Programs Committee** will meet at 8pm on Thursday 3rd September.

Elaine Almond brought it to our attention that **Africa has been declared Polio Free** by the World Health Organisation after two years without a case. You can read more at:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/african-region-declared-free-of-wild-poliovirus>

Our Next Meeting

Thursday 3rd September will be a Social Evening and a special guest will be Geraldine Rurenga, District Governor Nominee, District 9705. Geraldine will make history as the youngest Rotary district governor in Zone 8 when she takes up the mantle in 2022. Geraldine, 29, has been a member of the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Murrumbidgee, NSW, since 2014, when she joined after returning to her hometown of Wagga Wagga after a 10-year hiatus.

Raffle Winner.

Vicky Donoghue collected a bottle of shiraz for her wine cellar this week!



Short & Sweet.

Paul Galloway told us that when he was a youngster he played a fair bit of Rugby, and was apparently a pretty handy player, but his representative prospects beyond District and a few invitational NSW matches was severely hampered because he was too short.

Emil Schultze who was Paul's grandmother's elder brother, served three years in the British Grenadier Guards in England and Gibraltar as a young man. He was one of the 3 largest men in the British Army, standing 6'8". His



large stature and handsome good looks secured him many prominent positions at Royal Functions.

He left the Guards after serving his three years and joined the Reserves, but when a call to arms was made he reenlisted on the 18th October 1899 and travelled to Cape Town to fight The Boers. He was shot and killed on the 28th November that year during the Battle of Belmont.

Paul muses how sweet his rugby career may have been, if he had inherited some of Emil's height genes.



Fines-Master Session.

Mike Murray started with the usual fines, including the raffle winner Vicky Donoghue, before framing a fines session around something he likes to ask people: "*What's your earliest memory?*". So a range of members were fined for not liking broccoli, getting in trouble at school, having to learn music, getting a 'poopy' (puppy) when they wanted a horse, fancying aniseed balls, girl/ boyfriends, not getting any kisses etc. Mike, with a reputation as a kisser (he is widely known as 'The Kissing Rotarian') is lamenting the COVID rules which have completely stymied that activity, probably to the delight of the ladies. (Fine that man!)



Guest Speakers



David Cannon introduced our joint guest speakers, David and Kerry Morton, of Holbrook. David was the former Mayor of Holbrook before its amalgamation into Greater Hume Shire, and a stalwart of the Woomargama Rural Fire Brigade, while Kerry is a Past President of Holbrook Rotary, and a Paul Harris Fellow. They spoke to us of their involvement with the recent bushfires, particularly the Green Valley fire near their property, in the Woomargama area.

David spoke of his involvement with the fire-fighting activity. The fire emanated from lightning strikes and the first effort was aimed at establishing a break around it. They awaited aerial support, which didn't come, and the fire

crossed the break heading towards the Murray River. The fighters witnessed ‘fire tornados’ with huge downdrafts sufficient in one case to overturn one of their trucks causing the death of Sam McPaul, a young fireman. The fire headed for the Upper Murray at huge speed, and despite efforts over weeks, linked up with the Dunns Road blaze. Air support was lacking, probably because of the wide spread of fires at the time. They were left with memories of the fury of fires, particularly of the pyro cumulus downdraft impacts. David recalls it was too scary to be exciting. Based on the experience, he feels that the Rural Fire Service need to pay more attention to local input.... ‘the end of a pen Vs the end of a hose’.

Kerry drew a great picture of activity behind the fire-lines, with wives and families at home able to have some knowledge of progress via apps, and working to feed 160 firefighters; - sourcing extra barbeques and volunteer workers from sport clubs, Rotary etc, with trucks of supplies arriving from well-wishers, eventually arriving in excess of need; requiring use of the basketball stadium to manage the effort, for 14 days straight. She noted that it exposed a range of younger people to volunteering and its value in the community. Between them, David & Kerry gave us an insight into the effort surrounding a major conflagration, on the fire-lines and behind. They were thanked on behalf of the Club by David Wynne.



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

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| 3rd September 2020 | Bulletin and History Committee 6.00 PM |
| 3rd September 2020 | Programs Committee 8.00 PM |
| 10th September 2020 | International Service Committee 6.00 PM |
| 17th September 2020 | Board Meeting 8.00 PM |
| 17/18th October 2020 | Wagga Rotary Club Book Fair. Canceled (COVID) |
| 3rd December 2020 | Shine Awards. Canceled (COVID) |
| 10th December 2020 | District governor Michael Moore on Zoom. |
| 17th December 2020 | Club Christmas function. |



THE 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(30th Aug – 6th Sept)

Birthdays: Jenny Gorrel (1/9), Debbie Wynne (3/9)

Rotary Anniversaries: David Friedlieb (2/9/2010),

Wedding Anniversaries: Bryan & Sally Short (4/9)



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