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BULLETIN NO: 2.

Thursday 9th July, 2020.

JULY IS ROTARY 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 16 th July.	Thursday 23 rd July.	Thursday 30 th July.
PROGRAMME:	Toastmasters International See Below - Country Club	Dr Joe McGirr MP - Country Club	Craig Hartin – Waste Management - Country Club
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker Brad Bland	Karel Bijker Rajinder Singh	Karel Bijker David Cannon
GREETER:	Don Pembleton	Graham Russell	Gordon Saggars
SHORT & SWEET:	Terry Mecham	Mary Ann Kelly	Allan Duffus
FINES-MASTER:	Neil Hilpern	Tony Hutchinson	Mary Ann Kelly
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Bruce Barber	Margaret Keys	Brad Bland
VOTE OF THANKS:	Alok Sharma	Bryan Short	Peter Smart
BULLETIN REPORTER:	John Heazlewood	Vida Smart	Ellen Brasier

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.

President David Payne welcomed 29 members (representing around 65% of our current membership) to our weekly meeting. The only guest was Club Guest and Key-Note Speaker, Michael O'Reilly.



President David especially welcomed Graham Gorrel and Nepal Ghosh, both of whom have been away from Rotary for a short period of time.

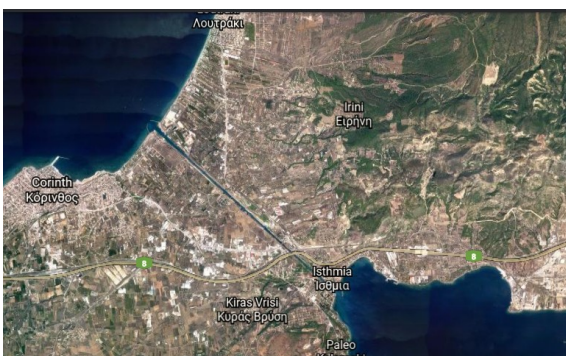
Apologies were noted from Alf Barzen, Ellen Brasier, Margaret Keys, Margaret Everett Marion Moran, Barry Francis, Neil Hilpern, David Kennedy, Mary Ann Kelly, Gerry Page, Peter Smart, Vida Smart, Howard Mendel and Allan Duffus.

Administration Matters.

- **Elaine Almond** was awarded a **Sapphire Pin** at the District Changeover acknowledging services rendered at District 9700 level. Congratulations Elaine on well-deserved recognition. Elaine maintains her interest in the new District 9705 on the Polio Plus committee.
- Treasurer Nepal reminded all that **Annual Subscriptions** are now due and payable. The total remains unchanged from last year (\$225-00 Club Subscriptions and a \$50-00 donation to the Rotary Foundation – total **\$275-00**) Invoices detailing the methods of payment have been issued and those members seeking to pay by Credit/Debit Card at the attendance table are requested to add an amount of \$5-00 to cover fees. Payment by instalments is available upon request.
- Any member not currently a member of the Country Club are requested to apply for **Social Membership** – cost \$5-50. Regular attendees at NSW Licenced Clubs are required to become a member under NSW State Legislation.
- The draft list of **Committees** and their members for the 2020/21 year have been distributed. Please check that your name appears in the committee/s that you seek to join. President David is seeking to finalise this matter prior to the **Board Meeting** scheduled for **30th July**.
- Members will recall PP David Friedlieb's efforts to launch a **Membership Campaign** – the program was rudely interrupted by the Covid 19 lock-down. The campaign is to be resurrected with a special meeting scheduled for **13th August**. Please assist by inviting friends and potential new members along to what will be a special night. Reserve the date and inform potential guests; further particulars will follow.



Short & Sweet.



Elaine Almond related her awe-inspiring experience of passing through the **Corinth Canal** on a recent holiday in Greece. The Canal cuts through the narrow Isthmus of Corinth connecting the Gulf of Corinth with the Saronic Gulf in the Aegean Sea. Construction was proposed in the first century AD but was not completed until 1883 times (*and we thought Wagga Council is slow – Ed*). The canal is 6.4 Km long, 21.4 M wide, and 8 M deep and with no locks. Consequently it is only navigable by small ships and pleasure boats.

Fines-Master Session.

John Heazlewood entertained us with his first ever Fines Session. After he settled his nerves he plunged into the task with gusto, concentration on two themes centred on rabbits and alcohol abuse. He highlighted some incidents with numerous historical, factual references – such as the court case in 1918 where one Henry Cook was charged following unruly behaviour subsequent to spending over £8 on drink. He was given a suspended sentence after showing contrition; after all, he admitted, he could have purchased a new suite of clothes for less than that amount.

Very informative and entertaining session – for the benefit of the Club's finances.



KEY-NOTE SPEAKER: -



We were privileged to have, as our Key-Note Speaker on this occasion, local pharmacist and avid supporter of the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, Mr Michael O'Reilly. As a pharmacist, Michael often finds that he has the first contact with men following their being diagnosed with this illness; as a consequence he has developed an acute interest in all aspects of this organisation.

Last September, Michael coordinated a local 4X4 vehicle to participate in the 2019 PCFA Outback Adventure. This was a major fund-raiser and reportedly netted the organisation over \$23,000. There were some twenty cars and crews participated the event and Michael related some of the exhilarating and zany incidents that occurred along the way. His presentation was complemented by a PowerPoint presentation.



The starting point for the event was Lightning Ridge in the far north of NSW. The track then took participants west to Bourke (where they were served breakfast by local Rotarians) and then proceeded to follow (what was, at that time of severe drought, left of) the Darling River. Along the way, they called into Whitecliffs where Michael's grandfather, the famous international spin-bowler Bill (aka Tiger) O'Reilly (1905-92) was born and had commenced his cricketing career. Michael and his crew were made most welcome by the locals. The Outback Adventure culminated at Tocumwal on the Murray River – which was a refreshing sight following the weeks of looking at the ravaged Darling River bed.

Michael was introduced by Paul Galloway and thanked, on behalf of us all, for his splendid presentation by Gordon Saggars.

NEXT MEETING: -

The next meeting sees us meet at the usual time and venue.

Our Key-Note Speakers will be **Victoria Dalglish** and **Colin Davis** from our local Toastmasters International Club. This organisation commenced in 1924 and now has active branches in over 140 countries.

Toastmasters is a non-profit educational organization that aims to develop self-confidence and leadership skills through the medium of public speaking. Several of our Rotarians are past members (and some are current members) of this organisation and, no doubt, share cheerful memories of the good times whilst participating in character-building exercises.

The meeting should be stimulating – and may appeal to your friends and family members so why not invite them along – but don't forget to notify numbers for catering.



CONDOLENCES: -

President David, on behalf of us all, sends his condolences to Marion Moran and Margaret Keys whose mother, Mrs Dot McCrea passed away this week at the age of 94.

PROGRESS REPORT FOLLOWING SOUTH COAST FIRES: -

A recent message from past member Charlie Blomfield – now Merimbula Rotary Member

"Hi Folks

It is a while since you have heard from me and what a year so far!



I thought it opportune to give a brief update.

The Tathra Fires() provided a lot of learnings that were very useful in the most recent fires. The big issue was that Tathra was a single locality and "manageable" where as the recent fires were on such a huge scale that it is causing many difficult issues.*

I previously indicated that your donations would take time to best target the community.

In the past year we conducted a garden expo last spring over a weekend with experienced presenters focusing on replanting in the area and then open gardens to demonstrate what could be achieved.

However the bulk of the donations were used, together with donations to local RFS, to successfully apply for a State Government grant to build a training facility attached to the Tathra fire shed. The arrangement is that when the training room is not required by the RFS, then the facility will be available for community groups to use – hence strong community support. Completion is expected about the end of October this year.

Here is a link to the Tathra RFS web site that gives some detail – <https://www.tathrafirebrigade.org.au/>

Hope you are all keeping well in current climate."

*Regards Charlie Blomfield
(MOB) 0409 896 885*

() The Tathra bushfire burned between 18th and 19th March 2018 & destroyed 69 homes.*

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES IN YOUR DIARY: -

◆ **30th July 2020**

Board Meeting

◆ **17/18th October 2020**

Wagga Rotary Club – **Book Fair.**

◆ **3rd December 2020**

Shine Awards.



THE 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



A slide taken from Michael's PowerPoint presentation



Elaine is congratulated on the Sapphire Pin



Part of our attentive audience



Gordon thanks Michael for the presentation



David & Mike listening attentively

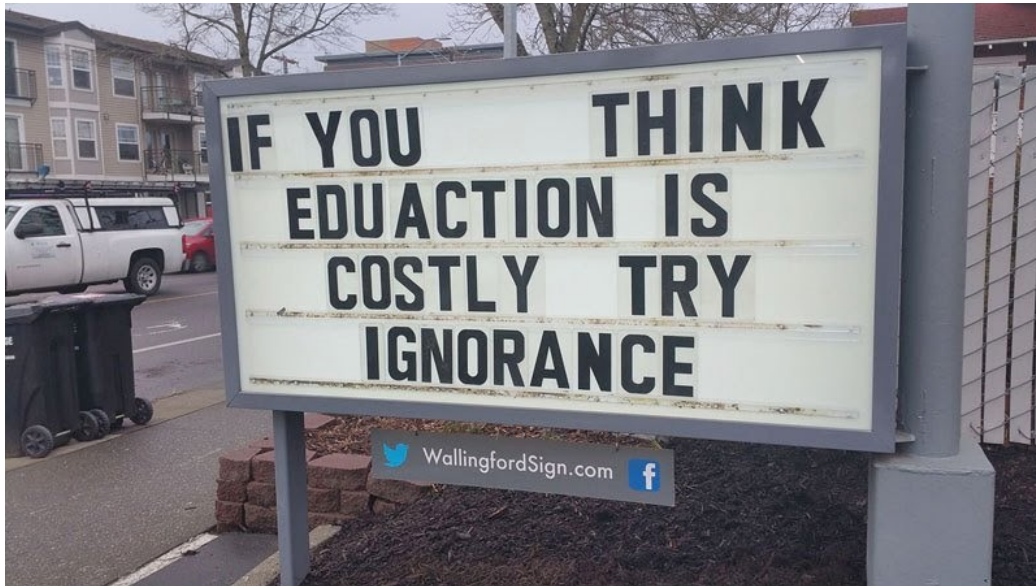


Paul introducing Key-Note Speaker Michael



Birthdays: Kanwal Singh (13/07).
Rotary Anniversaries: Nil.
Wedding Anniversaries: Philip & Merryl Cross (17/07).

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**Growing old is
hard work...
The mind says
"yes" but, the
body says "what
the hell are you
thinking"**



Corduroy pillows are making headlines!

